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At Annexation Hearing

Boundary Group Hear Arguments

The Michigan Boundary Commission heard testimony last Thursday evening on the proposed annexation of 480 acres of Grayling Township just south of the city limits to the City of Grayling.

The petition for annexation was filed by the city last April. The Boundary group has conducted two administrative hearings on the proposal, and now with the public hearing, will evaluate the situation and make their decision.

There are three options, the group can choose. They can deny the petition, approve it as submitted or approve it with boundary adjustments.

A spokesman for the commission stated, that it would be a minimum of 60 days, and in all probability longer, before they reached their decision, due to the heavy schedule they have.

Serving on the commission, who are appointed by the Governor, with Senate approval, for staggered 3 year terms, are Chairman, Dave Calhoun, former mayor of Huntington Woods; Al

Vanderleau, supervisor in Caladonia and Irving Rozien, consulting engineer in Plymouth Township. Jim Hyde, executive secretary of the commission, is a permanent member.

At the Grayling hearing, Jack Alef and A. J. Sorenson were appointed by Probate Judge Emil Kraus, to set on the board, to represent Grayling Township and the City, respectively.

The board heard half hour presentations from William Valusek, City Manager, and Bernard Fowler, Grayling Township Supervisor, and then gave the floor to interested citizens present for their pro and con arguments.

The reason the Boundary Commission has the power to approve the annexation here without a public vote, is that there are less than 100 persons affected in the area. However, a commissioner stated that if within 30 days after their decision is made, a petition signed by 25 percent of the people in the affected area, is presented, a vote on the question would be held.

Miss Grayling Pageant Receives State-National Pageants Franchise

By Marilyn Longworth

The Pageant Committee of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Miss Grayling Pageant is now franchised to the Miss Michigan - Miss America Pageants, and will take place during the 47th Annual Winter Sports Carnival to take place February 11-13, 1972. Because of the increased pressure of proponents of the Pageant Program, the Miss Michigan Winter Sports Pageant has been discontinued, and formal acceptance of the franchised Miss Grayling Pageant was received last week from the Board of Directors of the Miss Michigan Pageant, Inc. at Muskegon, Mich.

The year 1972 will be a very important year for Miss Grayling (representing all of Crawford County) as the Grayling Area Centennial will take place

August 6-13, 1972, and Miss Grayling will be making numerous appearances in conjunction with the Centennial — presentations to the Governor of Michigan and other important dignitaries, and appearances in important cities around the State of Michigan.

In the coming weeks a scholarship drive will be conducted, and it is hoped that a scholarship of \$1,000 will be reached. This educational scholarship will be presented to Miss Grayling and her court.

The Miss Grayling Pageant will take place on Saturday afternoon, 2:00 p.m., February 12, 1972, at the Grayling High School. A SnoBall will be held that evening in the High School Gymnasium where Miss Grayling and her court will be presented. A band is being considered who will be interesting to spectators as well as for the dancing audience.

Five out-state judges will make the final selection of Miss Grayling based on the rules and regulations of the Miss Michigan - Miss America Pageants. A small pageant admission charge will be made unless you are the holder of a purchased ticket for the SnoBall.

We are now accepting contest. (See Miss Grayling on Page 16)

MM Church New Year's Eve Party

There will be a New Year's Eve party at Michelson Memorial Church beginning at 8:00 with a buffet dinner.

From 9:30 to 11:30 there will be dancing to the big band sounds, table games, snacks and refreshments.

The cost is \$6.00 per couple and reservations should be made in advance by calling the church.

At 11:30 Watch Night Communion will be held. Everyone is welcome.



May sleighbells, laughter and the splendor of a snowy countryside bring you happy joys and a memorable Christmas.

State Police in Special Patrols During Christmas - New Years

The Michigan State Police will operate special holiday patrols beginning at noon each Friday of the Christmas and New Year weekends and extending to Sunday, midnight of each period, Col. John R. Plants, department director, reported.

For traffic statistic purposes the weekend patrols will be 54 hours long, from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Sunday.

Plants noted that Michigan's traffic death toll so far this year is showing about a three per cent reduction compared with last year at this time.

In a special appeal to drivers and pedestrians, Plants added: "Let's continue this improved record right through to the end of the year. December's holiday season of good will is an especially appropriate time for drivers and pedestrians to exert

whatever extra effort is necessary to safeguard themselves and others in traffic."

In the 78-hour holiday periods a year ago, 20 persons were killed during Christmas and 21 during New Year's.

The State Police will devote maximum patrol coverage from 3 p.m. to at least 9 p.m. each day of the holiday periods. Special attention will be focused on highway sections having bad accident experience.

Michigan's traffic toll so far this year already has reached the 2,036 mark, making it the eighth year in a row to top the 2,000 level. The full count for 1970 was 2,177. Record year for deaths was 2,487 in 1969.

Planning Group Meets

The recently formed Crawford County Planning Commission held their first business meeting on Wednesday evening in the Crawford County Building. Rules and regulations for the group to work by were adopted at the meeting.

Chairman nominated was Don Jansen; vice chairman, Mrs. Edith Paul, and secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Mary Harland.

Soil Conservationist Ken Neep met with the group and presented them with soil survey maps of the county.

The commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the county building. The next meeting is January 19 at 7:30 p.m. At this time land use films will be shown by Jerry Morford, Crawford County Consultant of the North East Regional Planning and Development Commission of Rogers City. He will also present the group with a model development plan for the county to work by.

The meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are welcome and urged to attend.

Mary Harland, sec'y

Public Notice

The Avalanche office will be closed all day Friday, Dec. 24th, reopening Monday morning, Dec. 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Meet The New School Teachers



Pamela Spencer

Pamela Spencer filled the 3rd grade teaching vacancy created by Mrs. Caid's retirement.

A native of Ohio and a graduate of Bowling Green University, Mrs. Spencer is currently completing her Master's program at Michigan State University. She has taught for the past four years in the Lansing School System.

Married to High School Speech and Dramatics teacher, Charles Spencer, she lists her favorite pastimes as traveling, sewing, and refinishing antiques.



Sandra Kelly

Our newest addition to the elementary staff is Miss Sandra Kelly, who is replacing Mrs. Bilger in the second grade.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Sandy went to school at Central Michigan University where she majored in Science while heading for a teaching career. In October, she completed her practice teaching in Ludington, Mich.

Besides teaching, she hopes to find time to ski and participate in other outdoor sports. Her other interests include sewing.

TWO FIRES UNDER INVESTIGATION

Two fires at the Gene King residence, 210 Alger St., last week are still under investigation, according to Fire Chief Robert Golinick.

The first fire was reported at 10:25 p.m. Thursday with 14 men answering the call. Damage was estimated at approximately \$250.

At 3:30 p.m. on Friday 15 men answered the second call. The fire, which started upstairs, caused approximately \$2500.00 damage.

Causes of both fires are still unknown, Golinick said.

LIBRARY HOURS AT KIRTLAND

Kirtland wishes to announce that the KCC Library hours will change somewhat during the semester break.

Usually open Monday through Thursdays from 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. and from 8:00 to 5:00 every Friday, the Kirtland Library will be open from 8:30 until 4:30 only from Monday, Dec. 20th, until classes resume on Monday, Jan. 17th.

Snowmobile Race Cancelled

1st Snofari to Take Place From Grayling January 1

Due to difficulties in securing a site appropriate for the January 2nd Oval Track Snowmobile Races, it has officially been cancelled.

However, the first of the fun-filled public snowmobile snofaris will take place on Saturday, Jan. 1st. The snofaris leave from the public parking facility of the Crawford County Building in downtown Grayling at 10:00 a.m., and return at 4:30 p.m. A lunch is served at the halfway point of the trail. The January 1st Snofari will traverse the Lewiston Grade Trail. This is the third year the snofaris have been sponsored by the Grayling Trailmaster Snowmobile Club. Other public snofaris will be conducted on January 27th and February 12th. For reservations please contact the office of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce — P. O. Box 408, Grayling, Mich. 49738 or phone 517-348-3336 — or by contacting Mrs. Ward Buron at 517-348-9033.

Next Game January 7

Vikings Split Two Games

Winding up their pre-holiday basketball schedule, last week, the Grayling Vikings split in two Northern Lower Michigan League games, losing to the Blue Blazers at Kalkaska, 79-68, Tuesday night, and then took the measure of the Mancelona Iron-

men on their own court Friday, 86-60.

Basketball action will resume Jan. 7th, when the Vikings will journey to Pellston for an NLM game with the Hornets.

The Vikings were without the services of Dan McIsaac, 6'2" forward last week, due to a sprained ankle he received in practice.

At Kalkaska, the Vikings and Blue Blazers battled to an 18-18 standoff in the first quarter, with Grayling taking a one point lead at halftime, on a 17-16 second half the host team came back strong with 21-16 third quarter and 24-17 final stanza.

Coach Tom St. Germain had two players in double figures with Jim Tobin and Terry Fitzpatrick having 21 points each, on 10-1 and 8-5 respectively. Wayne Westervelt and Kim Parkinson each added 8 points, Chris Duncley 6, and Bill Weideman 4.

Kalkaska had four players hitting the double figures, led by Doug Ryckman and Jim Hiller with 22 each, and Dennis Andrew adding 12, and Jon Lantzer 10.

The Vikings made good on 28 field goals to the Blazers 31, and sank 12 of 21 free throws, to the host teams 17 of 34. Grayling was called on 25 personal fouls to Kalkaska's 16 infractions.

Tobin led all scorers in the Mancy game as he got on target and swished the nets for 37 points on 17 field goals and 3 of 6 charity tosses.

Fitzpatrick with 15, and Duncley and Parkinson with 10 each, were also in the double figures. Weideman added 8 points, Westervelt 4, and Mike McNamara 2, to finish out the scoring.

Mike Brown, Nancy's forward tossed in 25 points, and Nick Edson 12 to hit the double figure mark.

The Vikings had 37 field goals and 12 of 21 charity tosses, to the Ironmen's 24 from the field and 12 of 21 free throws. Grayling was whistled on 19 infractions to the visitors 15.

Fitzpatrick led the team in rebounds with 14 and four steal, followed by Westervelt with 10 and 1, Duncley 13-4, Parkinson 4-2 and Tobin 2-10.

Coach Howard Lehti's JV's came through with two victories, defeating Kalkaska 49-27 and the Little Ironmen 67-41.

(See Basketball on Page 16)

Benson To Head Bar Association

At the annual Christmas meeting of the 34th Judicial Circuit Bar Association held at the West Branch Country Club on Thursday, Dec. 16, the following officers were elected: Bruce Benson of Grayling, president; Eugene Turkleson of West Branch, vice-president; John Hasty of Houghton Lake, secretary-treasurer.

The 34th Judicial Circuit Bar Association represents the counties of Crawford, Otsego, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Arenac.

Christmas Cantata

The Frederic Church of God will put on a special Christmas Cantata for the senior citizens on Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. The cantata "My Beloved Son" will be at Assaga Acres community room and all senior citizens in the county are invited to attend.



ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING — Nearly 100 interested citizens attended the public hearing on the proposed annexation to the city of Grayling. The hearing was conducted by a portion of Grayling Township located south



BEAR AWARD — Bear Archery's Bill Tobin accepts congratulations and a check from Bear Executive Vice President, R. H. Benedict, Jr. for a suggestion accepted by the Company in the Employee Suggestion Program. Tobin's suggestion dealt with a manner of cutting costs in the Feather Department. After testing and evaluation, the idea was accepted. Bear started the Suggestion Program two years ago. Tobin's was the 10th cash award given under the program. Company officials said it was the highest award to date.

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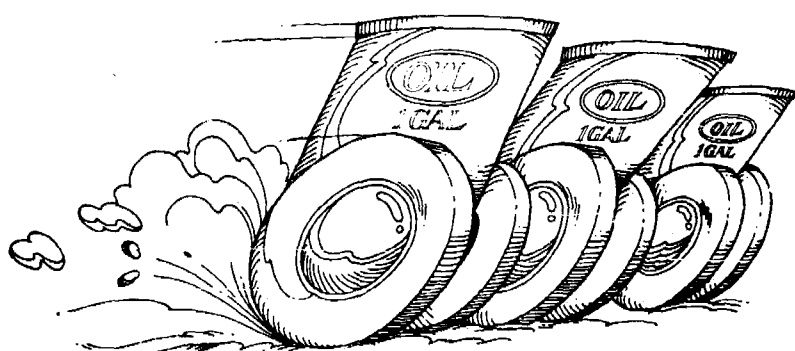
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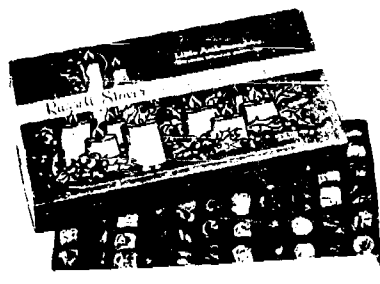
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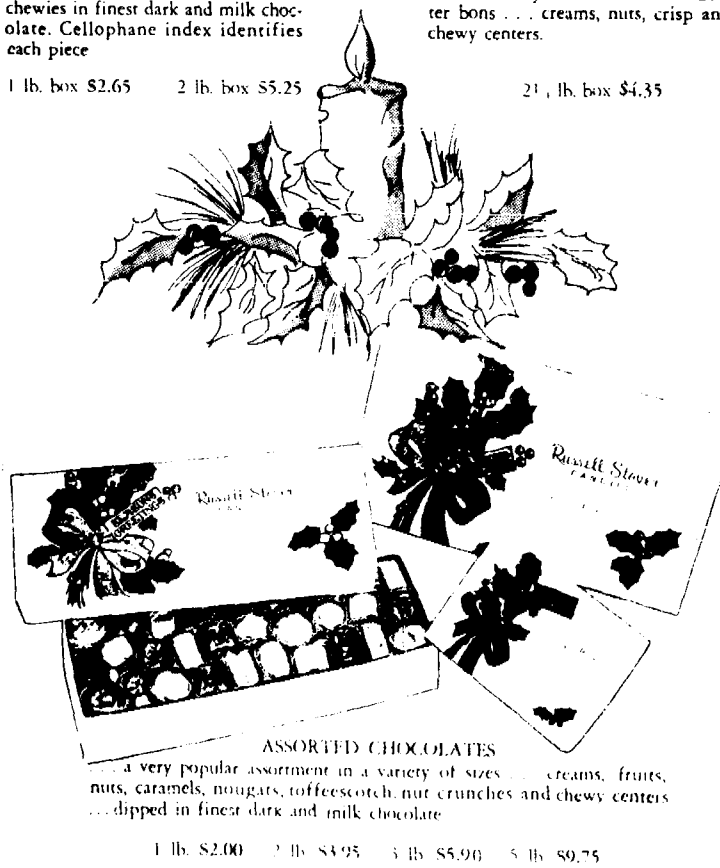


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Jack Pine's Stump

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The following advertisement was published on Christmas Day last year by Dayton's Department Store. I wish I had written it.

Entitled "Last minute gift suggestions you couldn't have bought at Dayton's" it reads: "Ask someone who is far from home (or has no home at all) to share your Christmas dinner. Shovel someone's sidewalk. Use your mistletoe."

Take one of your favorite presents to that kid in your class you suspected Santa might miss. Call Western Union and sing them a Christmas telegram.

Take a thermos of hot coffee to a cold traffic cop. Resist telling your little brother there really isn't a Santa Claus.

Pick up someone and take them with you to Christmas services.

Put out bread crumbs for the birds and peanut butter for the squirrels.



Pull out your mother's chair for her when she sits down to dinner.

Let your husband come to the table without his tie. Offer to say "grace" yourself. Give your grandson the peace sign.

Invite someone who has no fireplace to enjoy yours. Carry some of your turkey down to the men at the firehouse.

Knock on someone's door and tell them how beautiful their Christmas decorations are.

Call your doctor and ask how he's feeling.

Give the first stalled car you see a big push out of the snow. Help the kids in your neighborhood build their first snowman.

Find a part of your favorite lake that hasn't frozen over and go feed the ducks.

Wait at the bus stop and give the driver a cookie. Tell someone you love them. Say "thank you".

There are no shopping days left at all. But there is still time to give just a few more things in the real spirit of Christmas. All they cost is you."

— JP

Way back in 1955, Jack Pine wrote it again in 1956. Someone wrote it again in 1956. Someone with a long memory has requested that I repeat it this year. And so here it is — slightly edited. The meaning has not been affected by the passage of time.

I hope that no one tells a child there isn't a Santa Claus; I hope that no one gets sick or hurt during Christmas; I hope that Christmas parties are sober and dedicated to some useful purpose; I hope your family can all be together for Christmas; I hope you receive lots of Christmas cards; I hope you get what you really want for Christmas; I hope your prayers are answered; I hope you go to church; I hope no one is mean or grouchy or talks about other people; I hope no one is tired; I hope all the stores can be closed Christmas Day; I hope we have clean snow, but I hope the men who drive the plows can be with their families; I hope everyone has enough to eat; I hope no one is in jail; I hope the poor are taken care of; I hope that the children are happy and don't need any spankings; or if they do, I hope the parents don't spank them; I hope that everyone feels as fortunate and happy as I do; I hope that everyone remembers those who have passed on; I hope that everyone reads The Christmas Story in the Bible; I hope that you find your greatest happiness in the happiness of others; I hope that God blesses us all, each according to our needs. A truly joyous Christmas wish to all of you from Jack Pine

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LUKE 2:10-14.

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This is Christ's birthday and we are celebrating, and, in a magical way, it seems to instill in all of us a special feeling of friendship and love for our fellowman. What a wonderful thing it would be if we could keep this Christmas spirit in our hearts all year long!

To do so would be perfection — and that is something none of us can quite attain. But through the Church we CAN keep faith and truth within us from one Christmas to the next. Try it, and see.



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THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL



Merry Christmas

March of Dimes Urges Rubella Vaccination of Preschoolers

by Arthur J. Salisbury, M.D.
Director of Medical Services
The National Foundation-March of Dimes

"If only I had known" is a phrase many a young mother murmurs when she learns that her baby's birth defects were caused by rubella (German measles), a disease she caught in the early months of her pregnancy and may not have been aware of it. The National Foundation-March of Dimes, whose goal is the prevention of birth defects, has launched education programs to increase public and professional understanding of the urgent need for mass vaccination of children against German measles.

In the near future there will simply be no excuse for not having all children from ages 1 to 12 vaccinated either at school clinics, public health departments or by one's own doctor. The vaccination should be as automatic as immunization against smallpox, diphtheria, measles and polio. Some parents, unfortunately, think that a vaccination against regular measles also protects against rubella. It does not because German measles and regular measles are two distinct diseases. In the epidemic of German measles in 1964-65, some 50,000 babies throughout the country were handicapped or destroyed. This figure includes about 30,000 fetal deaths and 20,000 live-born babies who were born with blindness, deafness, heart defects and mental retardation. But if the rubella vaccine is given the widest possible use, this source of congenital damage can be eradicated.

Public Concern Vital

Small children, between kindergarten and second grade, are the most likely carriers of the disease. They can transmit it easily to their mothers or the mothers of their friends. If these children are immunized against rubella, they will not be able to pass it on to women of child-bearing age.

The most inaccessible part



Rubella vaccination of preschoolers is an essential part of the campaign to eliminate birth defects caused by German measles. The March of Dimes sponsors educational efforts to make the public aware of this need.

of the population which must be vaccinated against rubella is also highly vulnerable—preschool children. Others not yet vaccinated include many school-age children in rural areas and in ghettos.

The effectiveness of the vaccine is suggested by the number of reported cases of rubella in the first six months of 1971. It is 25 per cent less than in the same period in 1970. Instead of this decrease, an increase had been expected. This preliminary indication of vaccine effectiveness provides hope that the vaccine can head off or blunt the next epidemic which could come as early as 1972.

We would like to be able to say "when and if" but it is too early to justify such optimism. Rubella cannot be totally wiped out unless the hard-to-reach preschoolers and others missed so far are vaccinated. Ultimately we hope to achieve what is called "herd immunity," which means that the number of susceptible persons is reduced below the level necessary for

transmission of rubella.

Hard to Reach

In the first two years of availability of the vaccine, more than 22 million doses of rubella vaccine have been administered in public programs. This represents 48 per cent of the target population which numbers 47 million children aged 1 through 12. It is estimated that an additional 4 million doses have been given by private physicians. Thus, approximately 55 per cent of the target population has been vaccinated—a signal achievement but far less than the level required to wipe out the disease.

There is a great need for public awareness about the life-saving benefits of the rubella vaccine, and for public action. To encourage maximum use of the vaccine, March of Dimes chapters are working closely on educational projects with local health departments and medical societies and are assisting in many ways to organize and conduct vaccination clinics.

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVANCE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 23, 1948

A new ice skating rink started by the City of Grayling is now nearing completion and the only need is some really cold weather in which to flood the site.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilder announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian to Sgt. Charles Avery, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Avery of Elmira, who is serving with the U.S. Air Force.

Miss Emily Giegling is enjoying a vacation from her studies at Michigan State College.

A project which placed drainage tile around the huge new warehouse at Camp Grayling has been completed. It was announced last week. The work also included a drainage ditch to carry excess water away from the new building as well as a complete caulking job throughout the entire expansive structure. New tile floors were laid in the office space, it was said.

City Manager Max Davenport issued a warning to people parking their cars on the city streets all night. From now on with the snow plows running during the night hours, he urged that when ever possible citizens get their cars off the streets.

Phsn. Charles R. Ryan left for Las Cruces, N. M. on December 13, after spending three weeks with his mother, Mrs. Lillian Ryan. Charles is stationed with a Naval unit at White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico. His grandfather, Charles L. Smith drove back with him.

Born December 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jungman at Mercy Hospital, a daughter, who will be known as Lonna Joyce.

Mrs. Maude Shortt will leave Thursday to spend Christmas with her daughter, the Walter Carlsons in Rosecommon.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Horner have gone to Walled Lake to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Jack Duckley.

The Lyle Duckleys will have a family reunion for the holidays. All will be home except the Jack Duckleys of Walled Lake.

Capt. L. H. Knibbs expects to arrive Friday from Homestead Air Base, Middletown, Pa., to spend Christmas with his wife and baby daughter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henry Nielson are happy over the arrival of an infant daughter, Jean Ann, born December 14 at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hatfield are proud parents of a son, Thomas Howard, born December 8.

Dick Barber is enjoying the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Barber. He is on leave from the Navy and arrived on Monday from his base at New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Thane Henderson and daughter, Nancy Ann, left Friday for Grand Rapids enroute to Florida to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Henderson.

Mrs. Floyd Mitchell of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Johnson last week enroute to the U.P.

Mrs. John Pierre Wall of Seattle, Wash. left Tuesday after spending several days as the guest of Mrs. Anna Schlotz and visiting relatives, the Clare Madsens and Mrs. L. Mead. Mrs. Wall is the former Thora Abjorson and a former Grayling resident. This was her first return visit in 19 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bud McDonnell announce the arrival of a son, Douglas Lee, born December 17. Mrs. McDonnell is the former Joyce Kendall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Webb have moved into one of the Sam Rasmussen cottages at Lake Margrethe. Mr. Webb says that Mrs. Webb is not well but he is feeling fine though past ninety.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Laage were Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Whitehead and children, Dean and Sigrid, of Farmington. Mr. and Mrs. Laage and daughters, the Misses Arlene and Margaret expect to leave Friday for Munising to spend Christmas with the Emil Peterson family.

Miss Arlene is enjoying a vacation from her studies at the U. of M. and Miss Margaret from her duties as teacher in the Alma Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nielson expected to leave today to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hodgins in Detroit.

Miss Anna Nielson and friend, Miss Mabel Richmond of Grand Rapids are expected to spend Christmas with her mother Mrs. Julius Nielson and sisters, Miss Margrethe and Miss Olga.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joseph and son, Bill, plan to spend Christmas and the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Huntington in Eaton Rapids.

Jack Perry is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, the Vern Perrys.

Saturday night the L.N.L. had their annual Christmas party. The evening was spent in cards. Prizes for pinocle were won by Mrs. Rudolph Feldhauser and Mrs. Martha Marshall. Pedro prizes were won by Mrs. Louise Sherman and Mrs. Percy Budd. Mrs. Paul Feldhauser won the penny prize.

Erve Roe, who is spending the winter in Melston, Montana, reports 48 degrees below zero and 4 1/2 feet of snow.

One of the highlights of the Our Gang Club for the past year was the Christmas party held at the Grange Hall last Thursday. Following a short business session our president Mrs. Hurl Deckrow turned the meeting over to the program chairman, Mrs. Kermit Bolton. Following the program gifts were exchanged to reveal our Secret Pal for the past year.

Roger Barber and Jerry Korhonen were fishing through the ice at School Section Lake Sunday. They say the fishing isn't too good yet.

44 YEARS AGO —

December 24, 1925

Mrs. Bernice McNeven, who is employed in Detroit is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McNeven.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson have as their guests over Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warner and little son, Ralph, and Ernest Jorgenson of Detroit.

Mark Murray of Detroit arrived in town this morning to spend a few days at Murray Lodge. His father, Edgar A. Murray, is expected tomorrow. Mark is still a student at Culver Military Academy.

Mrs. Elina Hemmington and daughter, Doris of Mt. Pleasant are visiting at the home of her brother, Wilhelm Neilson, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Campbell of Mt. Pleasant are spending the holidays at the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson.

Mrs. Elina Trudeau delightedly entertained the It Suits Us Club at her home Wednesday evening. Mrs. Ambrose McCain and Mrs. Elmer Matson won the prizes. Mrs. Arnet Burrows was a guest.

Fred Edwards is home from

BITS O' TALK

Mrs. Gordon Pond returned home last Sunday from spending about two weeks in Florida. She along with Mrs. Helen Fisher left here on Nov. 30 and drove to Gatlinburg, Tenn. From there they went to Florida where they visited Herb and Mary Holmes at Anna Marie Island, and called on the Mitch Piekniks at Sarasota. They went to Tampa where they visited Bush Gardens, spent two days at Disney World and a couple of days in Miami and Fort Lauderdale. Helen flew into Tri-City on Sunday while Helen remained in Florida for a while. Gordon drove down to pick her up and they spent the evening with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mika and family returned to Grayling the following day.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Bartholomew and family are planning on spending the Christmas holidays in Clare with her brother, Thurman Marriage and family. WINTERS HERE! Get a tune-up and grease job on your snow machine at J & T Sales & Service, a division of Airport Auto, U. S. 27 North.

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Miss Ruth Stillwagon, who is attending college in Olivet, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Clarence Brown was in Bay City over Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff. She was accompanied by Helen Elaine McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McKinley will spend Christmas with their son Ray and family, in Gaylord. O. M. Turner, who is employed in Saginaw, is visiting his family.

Mose Blondin of Mackinaw City visited his sister, Mrs. Daniel Hoels, over the weekend.

Charles Adams and family have moved into the house they recently purchased from Nick Schlotz.

Amos Colbath of Mt. Clemens was in the city a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Colbath.

Henry Ahman is home from the U. of M. Ann Arbor to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ahman.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Meistrup, daughter, Elizabeth Ann, and son, Junior, will be guests at the home of Mrs. Victor Snelling over Christmas.

Mrs. Will Green and children left Friday for Detroit to spend the holidays with Mr. Green and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson Cook.

Misses Marguerite Cowell and Florence McClay were guests of the former's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Turner last Friday, while enroute to their home at the Soo from Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Kate Loskos left Thursday for Grand Rapids to spend several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed Morrey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs expect their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Barber of Durand to spend Christmas with them.



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BITS O' TALK

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Long drove to Bay City Thursday to pick up their daughter, Mrs. Fred Allen and son, Clark, who flew up from Norfolk, Va. to spend the holidays. Fred is expected to arrive on Christmas Eve and they will remain until New Years Day. They will also be visiting his parents, the Kenneth Allens in Frederic.

Mrs. Betty Trudgeon of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. is arriving this week to spend Christmas holidays with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trudgeon and family. The Jack Trudgeons are also expecting her sister and husband, Evelyn and Bob Mitchell to visit on December 24, enroute to Sault Ste. Marie to spend the holidays.

Don't forget the Big New Year's Eve party at the Legion. Open to the general public. Get your tickets now.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tufts are expecting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roden of Madison, Wis. to spend three or four days over Christmas with them.

Jean Jackson was in Mio Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of her nephew Howard Stitt.

Saturday night seven carolers could be heard on the streets of Grayling. They were Pam Mead, Kathy McPherson, Joy Mead, Kathy Mead, Curt Hanson, Karen Hanson and Patricia Duley. They sang mainly at the homes of the elderly. They received many donations of money, candy and fruit. They decided to pool the money and buy a Christmas plant which was sent to the Intensive Care Unit at Mercy Hospital. Following the caroling the children returned to Kathy McPherson's home where hot chocolate and donuts were served.

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Mrs. Elsie Anderson is spending the holidays in Lansing with her son and family, the Verner Rasmussens. Verner was in the hospital but expected to be home before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson entertained their cousins Mr. and Mrs. George Burke of Toledo, Ohio from Monday until Friday last week.

The Bunco club met Wednesday night at the home of Jerrie Golnick. Guest for the evening was Jill Harwood. High score went to the guest Jill and she also won the door prize. Mary Houle held second high and Eleanor McIsaac held low. The next meeting will be on Dec. 29 with Alice Galvani as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wells and her mother, Mrs. Hurl Deckrow are planning on spending the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bedard and family in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Marlett received word from Mrs. Marge Flower that she arrived in Florida safely. She flew down from Chicago to Zephyrhills and was met at the airport by the Jack Wades, summer residents at the Lake.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Robertson of Homer are happy over the arrival of a son born December 11 at Midland County Hospital, Midland. He has been named Jason Douglas. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robertson and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Moreland of Birmingham.

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The practice is not eligible if the primary purpose is for the harvesting of pulp or saw timber. They figure the returns from such operations should pay for the cutting.

The sites selected should consist primarily of aspen to assure good sprouting and regrowth. To receive cost share the areas must be protected from destructive fire and destructive grazing from domestic animals. If there are domestic livestock on the premises the area will have to be fenced.

The Soil Conservation Service and Michigan Department of Natural Resources personnel will help design each particular area. It must be carried out according to their recommendations.

The Federal Government will share the cost up to 50% but not to exceed \$15.00 per acre.

Snowmobile
Registration
Rates Increased

LANSING — Secretary of State Richard H. Austin is encouraging snowmobile owners to save money by registering their vehicles before the first of the year.

Recently enacted Public Act 178 increases the cost of registering snowmobiles for a three-year period from \$5.00 to \$9.00, effective January 1, 1972, Austin said.

"However, if a snowmobile owner registers his vehicle between now and the end of the year, he can still register it for a three-year period at the old \$5.00 fee. After the first of the year, it will cost him the additional \$4.00," he said.

Austin said the prepared application which has already been mailed to snowmobile owners may cause some confusion since it lists the \$5.00 fee for the three-year registration period.

Regardless of earlier information which has been distributed, the higher \$9.00 fee will have to be paid for snowmobiles after December 31, he said.

Also, snowmobile owners can register their vehicles by mail prior to December 31.

The revenue collected from snowmobile registrations is placed in the state's general fund and is returned to the Department of Natural Resources to be used for the benefit of snowmobilers in creating new trails, and for the upkeep and maintenance of existing trails.

Christmas Seal Sale Report

Michigan's 1971 Christmas Seal Campaign, which is now in its fifth week has reached 54% of its campaign goal of \$1,500,000, said John R. Pettibone of Lansing, president of the Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association.

Pettibone indicated that the campaign is running ahead of last year's campaign reported at the same time, but that this may be due to the fact that last year's appeal went out late.

Pettibone expressed gratitude to the citizens of Michigan for their continued support of the Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association's campaign which has been conducted in Michigan on a statewide basis since 1911.

The funds, he said, are used to support programs in



GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Tidings of good cheer, too; coming your way with our sincere wishes for a memorable Christmas.

WERT'S LONE PINE INN



O, Holy Night

For Unto Us
A Child Was Born.

Marilyn's Hair Boutique

AWAY IN A Manger

"AWAY IN A MANGER", the beautiful hymn, is the favorite of young children, and has often been called "THE CHILDREN'S CAROL". The simplicity of the words, the picture they bring to mind, the adaptability of the music - these things have contributed to its popularity.

There has been great controversy over its authorship. An argument over who wrote this favorite of the children has been going on for years.

*Away in a manger
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing,
The poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes;
I Love thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle
Till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever,
And love me, I pray,
Bless all the dear children
In thy tender care,
And take me to heaven
To live with Thee there.*

Art Spreads Story Of His Birth

The Nativity scene has always stimulated and challenged painters and sculptors.

In turn, great works of art depicting the story of the birth of Christ have, through the years, enriched the lives and enhanced the spiritual insights of millions.

Earliest Christian art was simple and graphic, as clear and easy to appreciate as a comic strip.

Later, religious paintings became stilted.

Then, Italian Renaissance painters instilled renewed warmth and humanity into art, renewing, too, individual art appreciation, through their natural, lifelike creations.

Their work gained much from the stimulus of the changing times and the new approach to art, fostered by the support of the Medici and commissions for paintings and sculpture from the church.

For instance, Raphael, famous for the "Sistine Madonna," came to Rome from Florence to do a fresco decoration in the Vatican at the same time that Michelangelo was painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Artists from other countries, too, traveled to Italy, there to experience and be influenced by Renaissance thought and feeling.

Come, Follow Me

*Long ago three Wise Men
Were gazing at a star
That glistened in the Heavens,
Outshining all by far.*

*And so the Wise Men pondered
What could its message be,
For it somehow seemed to beckon
And say, "Come, follow me!"*

*So they readied for a journey,
And chose their gifts so rare.
Then they climbed upon their camels,
And turned them toward the star.*

*Long days and nights they traveled
With trials along the way,
Until they came to Bethlehem
Where now the Christ Child lay.*

*And there the holy Magi
Knelt before this tiny King;
They gazed in adoration
While hearing angels sing.*

*And then along with shepherds
They learned the reason why
They were beckoned by a message
That came out of the sky.*

*And they gave it to the ages
So that all good men might be,
Just as joyfully rewarded
By the words, "Come, follow me!"*

Lauren E. Elser

Make A Pomander
This time of year fruit is plentiful and pomanders can be made from oranges, apples or lemons. It is more important that firm fruit be used and then stick whole cloves into the entire surface. It takes about one and a half ounces of clove for one large orange. Some say that it helps to shake up the pomander in a paper bag in which there is a littleorris root powder which acts as a fixative. Then they are ready to hang in closets or place in dresser drawers. This is one of the easier handicrafts - and yet so useful.

PROOF OF PUDDING?
In European countries, finding an almond in the holiday pudding means marriage next year.



GREETINGS

The days of yesteryear live on with every new Christmas season. May you enjoy your holidays with that good-old-time happy spirit.

PLAZA BAR



PEACE

*"Unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord"*

DAVIS GROCERY
FREDERIC



GREETINGS

Here's wishing you the fulfillment of all your dreams for Christmas. Thank you for your patronage.

**Ernie Bicsak,
The Road Runner**



PEACE ON EARTH... GOODWILL TO MEN

Angels sang on high. Shepherds and Wise Men gathered to adore the Christ Child, come to save mankind, and joyful praises resounded everywhere. During this holy season, let us remember the message of that first Christmas.

BEAR ARCHERY
Division of Victor Comptometer Corp.

THE FRED BEAR MUSEUM



Christmas Blessings

May the holy Christmastide bountifully bless you and yours with peace, joy and tranquility. Our deep appreciation for your support.

Arrowhead Inn

"HAVE A SAFE SANE HOLIDAY"
DRIVE WITH CARE



Best Wishes for Christmas

We're delighted to have this opportunity to send the season's best wishes to you. Have a Merry Christmas.

Frederic Inn

Holiday Is Favorite Theme for Writers

Whenever the talk turns to Christmas books and stories, somebody's sure to mention Charles Dickens.

His "Christmas Carol," published in 1843, is synonymous with holiday conviviality, and its underlying theme stresses the spiritual truths and blessings of the Nativity.

"God bless us, every one," cried Tiny Tim Cratchit, and the cry still echoes.

While Dickens may be a word for Christmas, many another author has written of this religious festival and merry feast.

Among the best known examples may be scenes from children's literature.

Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," published 1868, may seem old-fashioned in some ways, but girls today still rejoice in the story of Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy.

These fictional heroines come to life for their readers, and never more so than in the Christmas-season story that opens the book, when the March family gave up a festive breakfast for a poor family.

While they breakfasted on bread and milk, the girls felt they truly feasted, for they knew the joy of sharing.

Another old favorite is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Birds' Christmas Carol," of 1887.

Though better known as the author of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," she wrote this brief but touching story of the Birds' invalid child, whose short life exemplified the principles of Christmas.

In the present day, the American author Truman Capote, who claims the invention of a new literary form, the non-fiction novel, has written of Christmas, too.

His "A Christmas Memory," a short story, appeared as a television drama in 1956.

Smokey Says:



Who helped prevent forest fires this year?

JOY TO THE WORLD

To all our friends and neighbors we sing a joyful carol of holiday wishes... love, peace, happiness, and togetherness.

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HOLY NIGHT

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NORTHLAND
Department Store

Intangible Gifts Are Bringing Best Blessings, in Abundance

Among the treasures and pleasures of Christmas, gifts loom large—as all who greet the Yuletide as a season of laughter and a time to be glad of heart well know.

Tangible gifts, large and small, have their place in the holiday scheme of things. They're the outgoing expression of the generous Christmas spirit.

It's the intangible gifts, though, that seem to shine most radiantly, Christmas after Christmas.

The delighted smiles of children and the wonder in their eyes, the privilege of aiding the less fortunate, the opportunity to cherish and strengthen friendships and family ties, the renewed spirituality, the solid foundations of health, happiness and love, faith and hope—these are the intangible gifts.

Blessed indeed is the Christmas that brings an abundance of such gifts!

How to Keep Yule Plants

Yes, those cherished holiday plants can keep on growing into next year.

As a tropical plant, poinsettias like plenty of water and warmth—70 to 80 degrees. Be sure to keep these plants in a warm place at night.

Though they blaze with fiery-red-colored balls, Jerusalem cherries are rather cool natured. For them, the temperature should be held at 60 to 65 degrees. Avoid over-watering.

Visit Of St. Nicholas In Dutch Tradition

In Dutch tradition, St. Nicholas lives in Spain and every year on December 5th he brings gifts for Dutch children. It started 600 years ago, and he's doing it still.

St. Nick wears a long white robe, crimson cassock, tall red miter and in his gloved hands he carries a gold crozier shaped like a shepherd's crook.

His servant wears a simple look.

After the children are asleep, St. Nicholas flies over the roof tops on his white charger and Zwart Piet runs up and down the chimneys en route.

Among the presents Piet leaves are spiced honey ginger breads, colored marzipan shaped like apples and potatoes and, of course, a switch to remind each little dear — to be good for another year.

Save The Bows

If you have to travel a distance to spend Christmas with families, wrap all the gifts but do not put the bows on packages — use the stick on type. Put all the bows into bags and when you reach your destination, the bows can quickly be put on the right packages. This allows stacking of packages in the car or suitcases with no worries about crushed bows.



Best Wishes for Christmas

To you... the family, too! We wish the merriest and brightest.

SCHEER MOTORS, Inc.

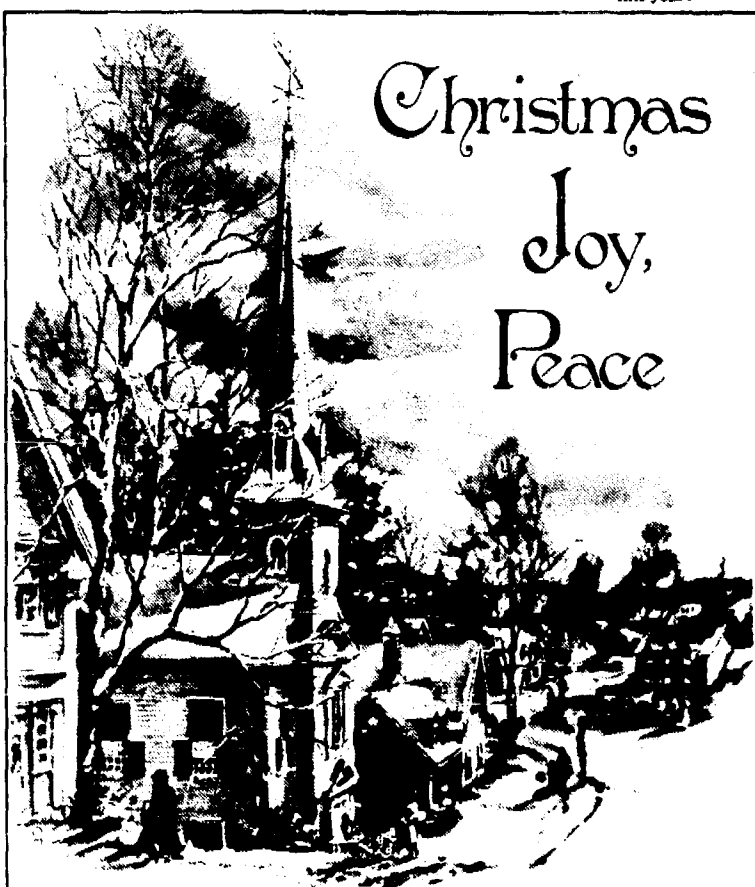
Joyous Greetings



In the true spirit of this season, we extend our good wishes, sincere gratitude.

Scrub Board Laundromat

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Christmas Joy, Peace

To all men of good will... to all our good friends... we send greetings for a happy holiday. We appreciate your loyal patronage.

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May all rejoice. May the hope and happiness of the first Christmas be found throughout the world. To you, our grateful "thank you."

Sorenson Agency and Associates, Inc.

Tasty-Topic

Golden Crumb Meat Loaf
2 pounds ground beef
1 cup cracker crumbs
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 egg, beaten
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
2 tablespoons cracker crumbs
Combine ground beef, 1/2 cup cracker crumbs, milk, salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, onion and egg. Mix thoroughly. Pack into 9 x 5-inch loaf pan. Combine melted butter or margarine and 2 tablespoons cracker crumbs. Sprinkle over meat loaf. Bake in a slow oven (325 F.) 1 1/2 hours. 8 servings.

Editor's Quote Book

Every man is worth just as much as the things he busies himself with.
—Marcus Aurelius



Peace on Earth...

It's the season of love and goodwill. May people the world over share in its joys.

Crawford County TV
Sales & Service

Parents Know the Drug Threat

The Child You Save May Be Your Own

Today's Subject: More Mind-Affecting Drugs Now in Use

To classify any one group of drugs as "mind-affecting" would be a truth, but only half true, because this would lead one to believe that some drugs in use do NOT affect the mind. The hallucinogenics, (those which cause "trips" of the mind), are generally referred to as mind-affecting, but in reality all drugs have their effect on the mind whether direct or indirectly. Some of the other drugs we have not mentioned thus far are Mescaline, Peyote, Psilocybin, DMT, STP and Morning Glory Seeds.

Mescaline is hallucinogenic in nature, a chemical found in the buttons of certain small cactus plants — peyote or mescal — and these are also available illegally in powder and liquid form. The effects, for the most part milder than from LSD, often last 10 to 12 hours. Being bitter to the taste it is often mixed with a drink to make it go down easier. American Indians have used this drug in religious rituals for hundreds of years, so its use is not what could be termed new.

Peyote itself, coming from cactus, is a milder form of Mescaline. Sometimes it is referred to as "the button", "cactus", or just the letter "P". To this day it is still used in sacrament rites by the Native American Indian Church.

Psilocybin is from the Mexican mushroom and usually comes in crystal, powder or liquid form. Influence of the mind lasts from 2 to 6 hours generally and effects are similar to those of Mescaline.

DMT, (dimethyltryptamine), causes effects similar to LSD, when taken in large doses. Reaction comes quickly and the effects last an hour or two. It is made synthetically and is a natural component of seeds from plants growing in the West Indies and South America. For hundreds of years natives have used this drug by sniffing a powder from the seeds.

STP, (also known as DOM), is relatively new on the drug scene. It is a synthetic chemical related to Mescaline and the Amphetamines. Reportedly it is very mind-distorting, but not nearly so powerful as LSD.

Morning Glory Seeds of some varieties have an active principle closely related to LSD, but much less potent. The seeds are most usually chewed or made into a tea.

Then there is the "thing" called "68"; like banana peel, "68" or, as it is sometimes called "sex juice", may be a hoax so say the specialists of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Users have reported that it produces wild, short trips as compared to LSD or STP. There are conflicting reports on the chemical make-up and over all effects. Our Food and Drug Administration says that "68" is simply oil of peppermint.

So, in summary today, you may ask yourself why it is important to know all of these minute details about all of the drugs we have discussed. Much of the information you may never have an occasion to use — BUT, if you do have occasion it is much better to know facts than fiction, hearsay and the like.

The major point of this entire series is to better understand the drug misuse problem and to do this we must know basic knowledge and basic facts. Only through truth about the drug problem can we hope to combat it. Only through open-mindedness can we save our children from the horrors of drug misuse. WE are the adults — the solution to the problem is up to US — this is OUR responsibility!

Be with me next week, won't you?

Sponsored by Grayling Kiwanis and The Avalanche

Christians Celebrate Holy Day With Prayer and Thanksgiving

For those who celebrate Christmas as a holy day, the holiday is greeted with rejoicing, with prayer and thanksgiving, in church and private devotions.

The word "greeting" has a special significance here, for herald angels singing to shepherds in the fields and

a star shining in the heavens truly brought greetings—according to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, "good news of great joy which will come to all people."

Long before the December 25 birthdate of Christ was celebrated in devotion, it had marked a season set aside for another kind of greeting. In Northern Europe, Teutonic tribes of pagan times greeted the rebirth of the sun, of the winter solstice.

Earliest celebrations of Christmas combined some of the ancient pagan traditions. By association with Christian beliefs, old customs of greeting the sun became symbolic of a recognition—a greeting of faith, hope and life eternal.

PUNCH LINE OF THE WEEK



WONDER WHERE TO BEGIN AND IT'S TOO LATE TO START.

Smokey Says:



... AMEN!

Merry Christmas, Sign Of Capricorn

Capricorn, December 21st to January 19th: Graceful charming and attractive. Capricorns love the new, the elegant, the sleek and although precise, their passions are constantly changing. If your gift pleases them they will wear it into the ground. The moon dig physical fitness (Karate outfit, boxing gloves, etc.) The women, animal beauty — including their own — that tends to be feline (Angora cats, furry slippers, or ocelot coats). Black, dark brown, a palette of reds not only suit them but bring them luck. In jewels, it's garnets for men, rubies for women.

Some Toys Injure

According to the U.S. Public Health Service, as many as 70,000 children are injured by toys each year.

American parents have the right to expect that when they buy toys for their children they are not exposing them to hidden dangers. Dangerous toys should be Government banned.

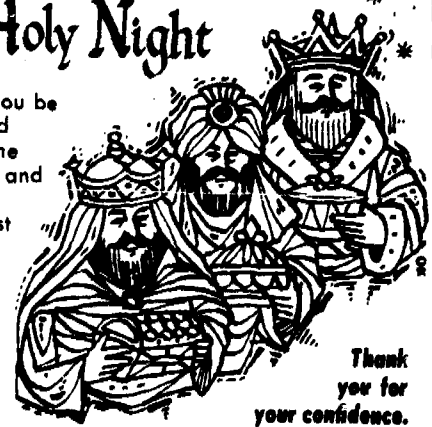
DRESSING THE QUEEN

Once, it was customary for people to give their country's rulers clothing for Christmas, and Queen Elizabeth I acquired a large part of her wardrobe this way, historians say.

Merry Christmas
Happy holidays! Hope they're packed with spirited, fun times and lots of special Christmas cheer.
DOWNRIVER PINES
Al and Bertha Weisler

O, Holy Night

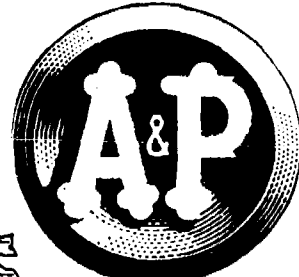
May you be blessed with the peace and joy of the first Noel.



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Smoked Hams
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A&P GRADE "A" FROZEN
Orange Juice . . . 12-OZ. CAN 38c
A&P
Cream Cheese . . . 8-OZ. PKG. 29c
A&P
Egg Nog QT. CAN 69c

OVER 3/4 FRUIT AND NUTS

JANE PARKER LIGHT BATTER

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1 1/2-LB. SIZE **189** | 3-LB. RING **349** | 5-LB. RING **479**

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EIGHT O'CLOCK 10-OZ. JAR **99c**
Instant Coffee
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A&P
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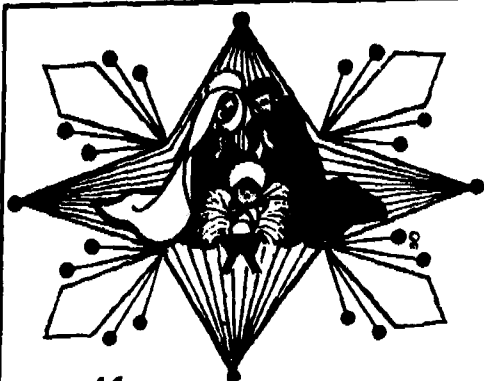
In most grateful appreciation, we wish you and your family all the peaceful joy and happiness of that Holy Night when hope was given to all mankind.



Cornell Agency

Bea, Willard, Ann and Paul

GREEN IS SAD
In Scandinavia, evergreens stand for sadness. Gala ribbons and papers, fruits and flowers, colorful balls and candles are preferred holiday decorations.



Many blessings abound during this holy Christmas season. To you, and yours, we wish them all.

SAM GUST'S
Automotive Parts & Supply

Decking Halls Has History

"Christ was born on Christmas day. Wreath the holly, twine the bay."

From England of long ago come the words of this carol, showing the early role of the bay tree and its greens in decorating for Christmas.

Its use harks back to ancient Greece, when both the bay and the laurel bedecked homes and public places in symbol of triumph. As traditional Christmas greens, they reflect the same joyful spirit, say the editors of the *Grolier Universal Encyclopedia*.

Holly, of course, is still popular as Yuletide greenery. But nowadays, when it's time to deck the halls, bay leaves are more likely to spice holiday cookery, rather than holiday decorating.

Greens Have Meaning

Greens that adorn home, streets and stores at holiday time entered the lore of Christmas from pagan rites of old.

The ancients believed that each green had its own significance, and an ability to do certain good—or evil—things.

Ivy, they thought, was festive. Its convivial nature came from Bacchus.

Yew and cypress had the highest virtues. Theirs was the quality, and the symbol, of eternal life.

Mistletoe Has Powers

Mysterious powers by the dozens have been credited to mistletoe, among them the power to heal, to ward off evil, to summon ghosts and force them to answer questions.

At present, the most prized property of mistletoe is the license it gives for plenty of Yuletide kissing. Fortunately, there's plenty of mistletoe.

Thanks to the birds, the plant spreads widely. The birds eat mistletoe berries and carry the seeds to trees near and far, say the editors of the *Encyclopedia International*.

The Santa Idea—Good Or Bad For Kids?

A clinical psychologist and director of child guidance clinics said that in his 21 years of working with children, he has never seen a child who was psychologically damaged by the truth about Santa. In fact, he said, that especially in pre-school years, when a child is most likely to believe in Santa, fantasy is beneficial.

From a scientific standpoint, all research shows that the fantasy creations that we see in children's thinking are actually the forerunners of what is later called conceptual thinking or the ability to form thought processes.

The director believes that a parent must distinguish between myth and legend when deciding what he should or should not tell his children.

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On key this season... good tidings for all, and a warm "thanks," to our many patrons.

Al and Jessies Restaurant



O balsam tree, that lately held
The stars like nesting birds
among
Your emerald branches, listen now
To children's voices sweet with song!
You talker with the wind, and friend
Of fox and fawn and silver mouse,
Bearing your tinsel and your gifts,
Glow softly new within this house.
Bringing your fragrance to our hearts,
Assuring us that wars will cease.
For a child's bright birthday
shine with faith,
O tree of loveliness and peace!

An Eskimo Christmas Time For Festivity

Children of the Far North know of the Christmas story only what the white man has told him. But before the white man visited them, the Eskimos had a big mid-winter festival SINK TUCK, a big dance and present giving party.

It is unique in that it is an event between towns or villages. One invites the other, and the next winter the entertained village returns the compliment. The heart of it consists of folk dances in costumes of fur, trimmed with feathers and ornaments of ivory; feasting on rare delicacies; and the grand finale, present-giving.

On the appointed day, a long, picturesque caravan of dog teams arrives, bringing every member of the village, even the ill and the crippled, who may need assistance. The dancing lasts for days, as long as the entertaining village can produce feasting, provisions and entertainment. It is a season of good will and merriment for all.

Religious Cards Take Lead In Popularity

"Sorry, we don't have any more Christmas cards, only some religious ones."

These words, supposedly spoken by a saleswoman to a last-minute shopper for greeting cards a good many years ago, wouldn't be meaningful now.

During recent Yule seasons, greetings with a religious message have led the way in popularity. The wryly-humorous idea that anyone looking for cards wants some that show only the convivial side of Christmas was never very funny, and now it definitely isn't true.

Early cards pictured dancers and skaters, holly and mistletoe, robins and other birds, beautiful women and charming children and flowers by the score.

Such themes still appear, but they take second place to religious messages—especially, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

SUBSCRIBE TO THE AVALANCHE



May the wisdom and love of the Three Kings fill you with the true meaning of Christmas.

HOERL'S Decorating Shop

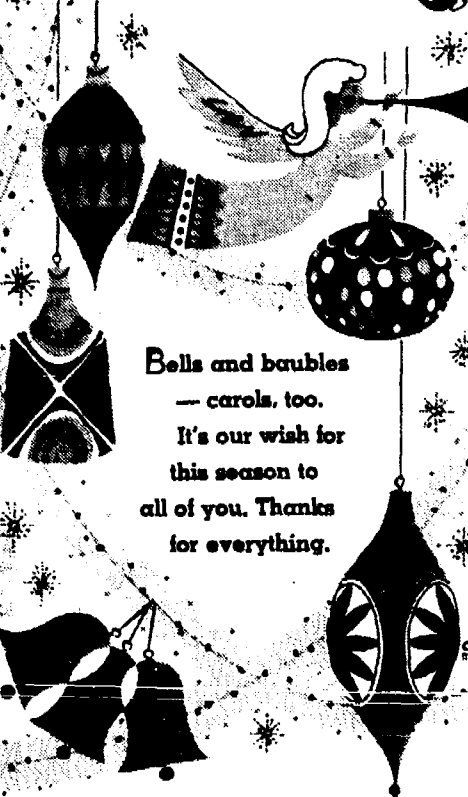
We hope your holiday scores high in fun and good cheer, and we extend the best.



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AMERICAN LEGION POST 106

CHRISTMAS CHEER



Bells and baubles—carols, too. It's our wish for this season to all of you. Thanks for everything.

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AuSable Woodworking Co.
Frederic



In the Spirit of Christmas

Happiness. Joy. Peace.
That's the spirit of Christmas.
It warms the heart. It brings young and old together.
And it brings to mind just how much we value your support.

TIP TOP TOGS

GREETINGS

Christmas is a warm holiday when families share in festive preparations... here's hoping yours is happiest ever.



GRAYLING LUMBER AND SUPPLY CO.

Best Wishes this Christmas

Smiling faces. Family pleasures. Happy voices raised in joyous carols of the Christmas season. May we add an extra note of best wishes and thanks.

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THESE TWO DAYS

Scotch Pine Christmas Trees

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See them at 410 Maple Street

Editor's Mailbox

December 15, 1971

Dear Whitey,

Let's get some "zip" behind our basketball team! We have the "winning" potential, the boys are all good players. We certainly feel our Coach is very capable and has done an outstanding job with the boys, since he has been here. His record speaks for itself. The trouble, as far as we can see, is the complete LACK of interest or enthusiasm from the administrative part of our school.

We, as taxpayers and regular PAYING customers at every game, couldn't help but notice, at the Kalkaska game, that their "programs" were dedicated to the basketball team ONLY; they did not plug the administration or the football team. Our programs have very little about our basketball team. WHY? We would like to ask this question—Doesn't our basketball team bring a goodly amount of money into our school system?

We have talked to a good many townspeople and they all agree that our team deserves much more cooperation from the school itself. We are behind our boys 100% and hope this letter does one good thing and that is to wake up the school, from the "top" down, to get behind these boys and give them the backing and encouragement they so rightly deserve.

One thing that most of the people are irked about, is the fact that the 7th and 8th graders are NOT allowed to go to the games, on the school bus. These kids love the game and are, without a doubt, the biggest part of our cheering section. This cheering or "noise" as some think, is definitely lacking at our "out of town" games. How about having some good pep meetings? We do not think that a 5 or 10 minute pep session, on Fridays ONLY, is a good send-off for our team. Let's get some pep in back of our boys and get them back on a winning track. These boys work hard, on the floor, and also on their books as they are all good students.

Another thing that rubs us the wrong way, is — why, after 15 years, has the seating arrangement been changed? We do not like it this way. Let's get back to the way it was before! Please! Also, we want to know why the smoking lounge is closed? If there is anything in there — that shouldn't be, MOVE IT. And, why is it that any other extra-curricular project gets priority over the basketball team, for the use of their gym?

We feel we have every reason to gripe as we are one of the sponsors of our games on WGRY and we do not feel our boys are getting a fair deal, from the school.

This letter is signed by devoted backers of our basketball team and we know we speak for most of the people of Grayling. Believe us, when we say, we have only the best interest of the team in mind.

Come on, Grayling H. S. — let's get behind our team and give them a BIG BOOST!!!
Let's go boys! Good Luck!

Sincerely,

Jack DeHart

Kenneth Laeder

Donald "Duke" LaMotte

Dear Property and All
Property Tax Payers of
Crawford County:

On two occasions the taxpayers said (via the polls) that they didn't want to spend 3 million dollars for a new high school. Usually, telling anyone twice is enough, but by the third time you're tired of expressing your opinion—anyway, the price dropped to \$2,900,000 and it carried — but the total price including interest, approximately 6-7 million dollars, wasn't told.

And, the game isn't over yet. How many more dollars will it take to operate the school after it's built? And speaking of games, all I've ever played said the best 2 out of 3 were the winners.

Now, everyone should be winners when we speak of education. I'm certain all will agree we need more and better high school classrooms, but here are some questions I've heard lately around our good city.

1. Do we really need another sewage and water system for the high school? Why not build where these services, including natural gas, are available?

2. Do we have to bus all the students? Why not locate the school where the majority of students live?

3. Do we need another gym when the one we have is already better than most in the state?

4. Why get the new school so far from the protection of law enforcement, medical, and fire?

5. What about the flight pattern of the Airfield, expansion, and noise?

6. Why build a new football field? Isn't the old one good enough for the four football games a year that are played there? If not, why not improve the existing field?

7. Why not build the new school near the existing football field, even if we have to buy a few houses for more room?

8. How much did the temporary relocatable classrooms cost the taxpayers and what is their destiny?

9. The last several questions we'd like to ask, now that we supposedly are building a new high school, HOW ARE WE GOING TO OPERATE IT WITH-OUT MANY MORE DOLLARS FROM THE PROPERTY OWNERS? How much more will this be? Can't we save hundreds of thousands of dollars by considering some of the above questions?

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Holiday Birthday

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JINGLE BELLS

Most-sung American secular carol is "Jingle Bells," written by James Pierpont of Massachusetts in the 1850's.

BITS O' TALK

Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Blaha spent from Wednesday till Friday of week before last in Detroit. On Thursday Dr. Blaha attended the Detroit Academy of Surgery meeting, which David Blaha, junior medical student at U. of M. in Ann Arbor, also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jansen attended the North Central Plumbing Association Christmas Party held in Gaylord recently.

WINTERS HERE! Get a tune-up and grease job on your snow machine at J & T Sales & Service, a division of Airport Auto, U. S. 27 North.

Arriving Friday to spend the Christmas and New Year's holiday with the Jack Wilsons were their daughter, Mary Beth and sons Howard & Doug & wife, Pat Wilson, all students at Central. Doug has spent the past semester practice teaching at Vester High School. They are on term break and expect to be home until around the middle of January.

Mac's Drug Store will be closed all day Christmas, December 25th.

David and Connie Blaha will be home from Ann Arbor to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Blaha and her parents, the Al Chervens of Roscommon. Another son George Blaha of Lansing and friend Miss Karen Cover also of Lansing are expected for the Christmas weekend.

Order your Holiday baked goods now. Goodale's Bakery, 348-8682.

Mrs. Ann Buron has completed her night course of tax equalization and assessing from Kirtland Community College.

Homemakers Hold Christmas Party

Area 16 Extension Homemakers, which consists of ladies from Roscommon and Crawford Counties, held their Christmas party at the Gerrish-Higgins Town Hall on December 9.

It was a day of both fun and information. Registration began at 9 a.m. with a coffee hour. At 10:15 Marian Maxon, Extension Home Economist of Wexford and Missaukee Counties, gave a lecture on "Do you hear what I say."

At 11:15 a fun session given by our Area president Annette Hecke, which was followed by luncheon served at noon. The tables were beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme.

After lunch, election of officers was held. Annette Hecke was re-elected president and Gladys Chinn elected vice-president. This was followed by a report by Iris Teeter, chairman of State International. She had attended the A.C.W.W. Conference in Oslo, Norway this past summer. Her report was very informative and was followed by slides taken on her trip there.

The meeting was brought to a close by Christmas music furnished by the Gerrish-Higgins High School at Roscommon, under the direction of James Mahoney.

Blessings of CHRISTMAS

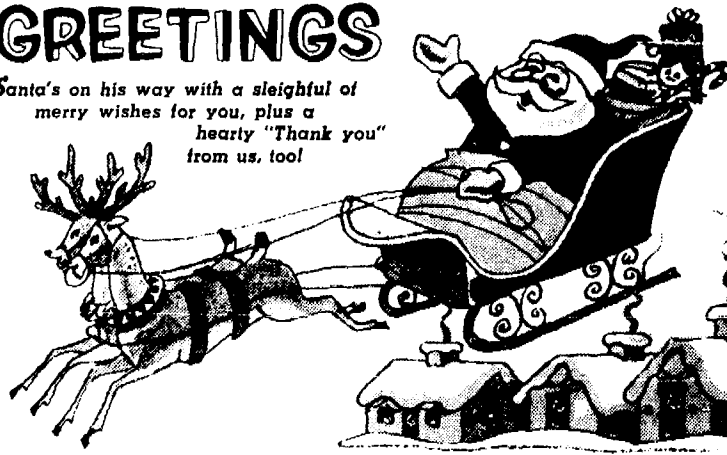
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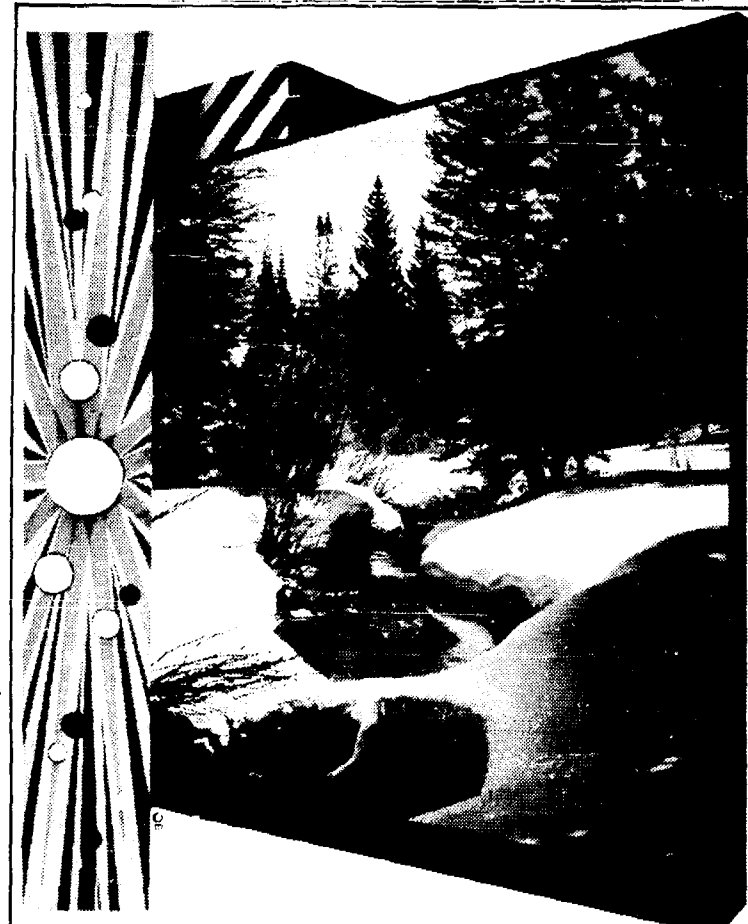
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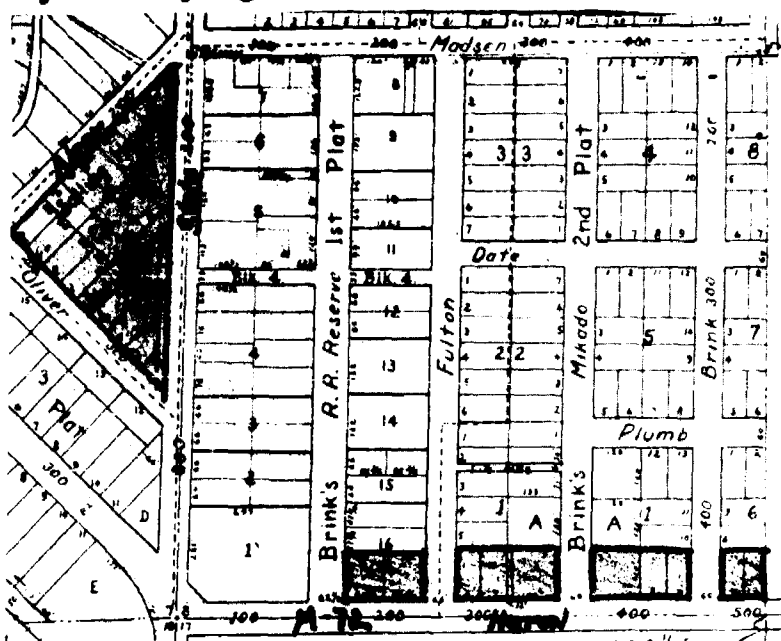


MERRY CHRISTMAS

The freshness of new fallen snow awakens deep reflections of holiday sentiments. We express the hope that good will and brotherhood prevail to bring lasting peace among us. The best of the season to you and sincere thanks for your loyalty.

Radio 1590-WGRY

City of Grayling - Notice of Hearing



AREA TO BE REZONED

The City Council will meet at the City Hall, 103 James Street at 7:30 p.m., January 10, 1972 for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Grayling. All persons desiring to be heard on any matter pertaining to the proposed amendment will be heard at said meeting.

Amendment: That the property described as Lots 1, 2, Parcel A and B, Block 1, Salling Hanson Plat; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and Parcel "C" and "D" of Block 2, Salling Hanson Plat; also the South 1/2 of Lot 16, Block 4, Brinks First Plat, Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 1, Brinks Second Plat; Lots 5 and 6, Block 6, Brinks Second Plat and the Southwesterly 120 ft. x 120 ft. parcel abutting Mikado Street and Huron Street;

School Board Minutes

December 13, 1971

The meeting was called to order by President Joseph. All members were present. The minutes were accepted as presented. The treasurer's report was discussed and accepted. Mr. Stripe announced that the school borrowed \$75,000.00 during November to pay bills until local taxes start coming in.

A motion was made by Krik and supported by Harwood to pay bills 3968-4068. Motion carried. All voting aye.

The Board recommended a letter of thanks be written to Mr. Parker for laying out the baseball diamond at the new school.

It was moved by Smock and supported by Kolka that we accept Standard Oil bid for furnishing gasoline. Motion carried. All voting aye.

It was moved by Kolka and

supported by Joseph that the Board designate COOR our fiscal agent for Area Vocational Education. Kolka aye, Harwood nay, Burns aye, Madill aye, Joseph aye, Smock aye, and Johnson aye. This is necessary to provide funding for vocational ed.

The Board decided to take no action concerning BSA Chief Okemos Council #271.

The use of the Grayling gym on Sunday was discussed. Those wanting to use the gym should set a time with Mr. Taylor.

It was moved by Smock and supported by Kolka that we approve the original proposal for non-teaching wages. Motion carried. All voting aye.

It was moved by Johnson and supported by Smock that we approve Sections I, II, and III, covering the Board of Education and Administration policies. Motion carried. All voting aye.

It was moved by Burns and supported by Harwood that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. All voting aye.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
In the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford
Charles Skinner and Anna Skinner, Ross Skinner and Marguerite Skinner, Joe Berger and Kathy Berger, Plaintiffs
vs.
File No. 384
C. A. Renwick and Sara A. Renwick, and Patricia Randolph, Defendants

ORDER TO APPEAR
On the 20th day of October, 1970, an action was filed by, Charles Skinner and Anna Skinner, Ross Skinner and Marguerite Skinner, Joe Berger and Kathy Berger, Plaintiffs against C. A. Renwick. On November 16, 1971 an amended complaint was filed in this court against, C. A. Renwick and Sara A. Renwick and Patricia M. Randolph, Defendants, To Quiet Title.

It is hereby ordered that the Defendants, C. A. Renwick and Sara A. Renwick, address unknown shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 11th day of April, 1972. Failure to comply with this order will result in a Judgment by Default against such Defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this court.

Honorable Dennis J. O'Keefe
Circuit Judge
Benson & Sabin
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
203 Huron Street, Suite B
Grayling, Michigan 49738
348-6141

23-30-6-13-20-27

LAKE MARGRETHE WATER LEVEL

(Information furnished by U.S. Geological Survey)

Period of Record: Nov. 12, 1942 to date.
Area of Lake: 1,920 acres at elevation, 1,135 ft. M.S.L.
Water level, Dec. 16, 1971 1134.08 ft.
Water level, Dec. 16, 1970 1134.01 ft.
Maximum level for period of record, Sept. 15, 1961 1135.46 ft.
Minimum level for period of record, Sept. 24-27, 1948 1133.57 ft.
Preliminary figures subject to revision.

Road Commissioners Minutes

December 2, 1971

A regular meeting of the Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners held in their office in Grayling, Chairman Shook presiding. Members present, Commissioners R. E. Shook, Ervin E. Richter and Harold T. Johnson, Engineer Manager John M. Keir and Superintendent Norman H. Feldhauser. Absent, none.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read. A motion was made by Comm. Johnson, supported by Comm. Richter that the minutes be approved as read. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Voucher No. 1952 covering Payroll No. 24 in the amount of \$14,504.30 and Vouchers No. 1953 to 1968 covering materials in the amount of \$4776.81 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Comm. Richter supported by Comm. Johnson that Vouchers No. 1952 to 1968 be approved and warrants drawn in their respective amounts. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The bids for Pickup trucks received and opened November 19 and tabled for discussion were presented. A motion was made by Comm. Johnson, supported by mm. Richter that the bids of Bill Hart Ford for (2) 1/2 ton pickup trucks @ \$3740.00 and for (1) 1-ton pickup truck @ \$3100.00 be accepted. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The bids received for sale of the Gravel Crusher were opened. Results of bidding as follows: Sand & Stone Town, Marysville, Ohio \$10,257.70

Carl Fischer, Gladwin, Mich. \$3,500.00
Fuss Gravel Company, Durand, Mich. \$3,500.00
Crawford Lake Estate, Kalkaska, Mich. \$7,600.00
Carr Bros., Albion, Mich. \$3,100.00

Doremire Construction, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. \$3,751.51
Walton & Son, Traverse City, Mich. \$5,752.00
Whittaker Excavating, Cheboygan, Mich. \$3,100.00

Huffman Excavating, Roscommon, Mich. \$3,750.00
Wiggins & Son, Merritt, Mich. \$2,600.00
Hamlin Excavating, Grayling, Mich. \$7,600.00

Halliday Sand & Gravel, Houghton Lake, MI. \$11,003.40
The bids were tabled for further discussion.

The bids received for Gasoline, Fuel Oils and Furnace Oil were opened. Results of the bids as follows:

Oscoda Refining Company - terms 1% 30 days - Gasoline, 13.29 per gallon; Diesel No. 1, 12.61; Diesel No. 2, 11.86; Furnace Oil, 11.61.

Gulf Oil Company - Gasoline, 12.51 per gallon; Diesel No. 1, 13.38; Diesel No. 2, 12.43; Furnace Oil, 12.43.

Standard Oil - terms 1% 30 days - Gasoline, 12.70 per gallon; Diesel No. 1, 12.74; Diesel No. 2, 11.99.

A motion was made by Comm. Johnson, supported by Comm. Richter, that the bid of Standard Oil for Gasoline @ 12.70 per gallon and that the bid of Oscoda Refining Company for Diesel No. 1 @ 12.61 per gallon, Diesel No. 2 @ 11.86 per gallon and a d Furnace Oil @ 11.61 per gallon be accepted. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Earl Longworth, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board.

An application was received from Consumers Power Company for a permit to erect one wood pole on Helen Drive, Sec. 32, T27N, R3W, Grayling Township. The permit was approved and signed by the Commissioners.

An application was received from Michigan Consolidated Gas Company to install approx. 598' of gas main on Crestwood Drive, Grayling Township. The permit was approved and signed by the Commissioners.

An application was received from Top O' Michigan Rural Electric Company for a permit to cut necessary trees and erect an overhead distribution line on Four Mile Road 3/4 mile East of Staley Road. The permit was approved and signed by the Commissioners.

There being no further business a motion was made and supported to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

/s/ R. E. Shook, Chrm.
/s/ Florence S. Douglas, Sec'y

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You'll be busy replenishing the appetizer tray this holiday season when it holds Sausage - Water Chestnut bits. No problem, since these tasty tidbits are easy to prepare and can be made ahead and refrigerated for a quick warm-up. Just cut slices of bacon and water chestnuts in half crosswise. Wrap each half slice of bacon around a cocktail frankfurter or cocktail sausage and a water chestnut half and fasten with a wooden pick. Place bits on a rack in an open roasting pan and bake in a 450° F. oven until the bacon is crisp.

Pork and pancakes are perfect partners for breakfast or supper. Brown pork sausage links and serve with pancakes, plain or filled with fruit or cottage cheese. Or wrap the sausage in pancakes for handy eating. Take a tip from the traditional coupling of lamb and mint. Heat up a sauce of fruit cocktail and mint jelly to pass as an accompaniment for hot roast lamb slices.

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5. — assured
6. Reveal
7. Angar
8. Compensate
9. As a boy?
10. Cases (8 wds.)
11. Whack
12. Remark
13. Spoken
14. French port
15. — Dame
16. Fever
17. Positive
18. Harlequin
19. Hazardous
20. Hoorsy!
21. Magpie
22. Guldorian note
23. Draw forth
24. Disfigure
25. Riddle
26. Counter-tenor
27. — the line (con. formed)
28. Secluded valley

DOWN

1. Helen's abductor
2. Watchful
3. Go broke: sl. (3 wds.)
4. Allow
5. Invent
6. Impost (Fr.)
7. Friend
8. Gambler's phrase
9. Arranged like a ladder
10. Decide
11. British statesman
12. Shrewd
13. Man
14. Monopolize
15. Uttered rationally
16. Second transfer of ownership
17. Tooth's part
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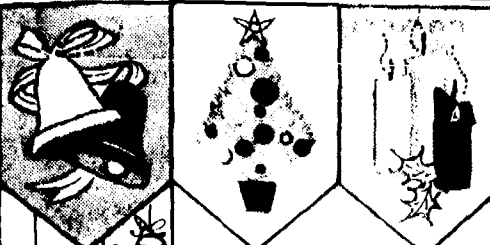
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District Court Action

The following appeared in the 33rd District Court last week before visiting Judge Frank H. Miltner of Cadillac:

A nonsufficient funds check charge against Jacqueline D. Hondt, 37, of Kalkaska was dismissed on motion of the Prosecuting Attorney. Costs of \$20.00 were assessed. She was arrested on a citizen's complaint November 11.

A charge of disorderly person against Lois Stanley, 45, of Lansing was dismissed on motion of City Attorney Nelson Miles. She was arrested by city police on August 2.

Joseph Stanley, 46, of Lansing pleaded guilty to a disorderly person charge and was ordered to pay fine and costs of \$100.00. He was also arrested by city police on August 2.

Wesley L. Argue, 23, of Frederic was freed on \$200.00 personal recognizance bond after pleading not guilty to a charge of driving under the influence of liquor. He was arrested by city police on December 2.

Terry A. Shepherd, 20, of Grayling entered a plea of guilty to impaired driving and was ordered to pay fine and costs of \$100.00 or 25 days in jail. He was arrested by city police on December 8.

Eddie L. Campbell, 23, of Grayling entered pleas of nolo contendere to charges of drunk and disorderly and careless driving. He was assessed \$125.00 fine and costs or 30 days in jail on the charge of being drunk and disorderly and \$25.00 fine was suspended on the impaired driving charge. City police were the arresting officers on December 11.

Obituaries

Final Rites For Roxie Sparks, 70

Roxie Sparks, 70, of Frederic passed away at Mercy Hospital Tuesday, Dec. 14. Graveside services were held and burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Frederic Friday, with Rev. Glenn Arnoe officiating.

Mr. Sparks was born in Olive Hill, Ky. June 2, 1901. He was employed at Ausable Woodworking in Frederic.

Survivors include his wife, Dora; one son, George of Grand Rapids; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Denewitt of Grayling, Mrs. Shirley Dean of Mt. Morris, Mrs. Ruth Isenbauer of Grayling and Miss Sally Sparks, at home; four half brothers, Ursle, Arvie and Wilson Cox, all of Frederic and Reece Cox of Grayling; and eight grandchildren.

He is also survived by his stepfather, William Cox of Frederic.

Resident's Brother Succumbs in Flint

William (Andrew) Hutchinson, 58, of Flint died Tuesday, Dec. 14, at McLaren General Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday at Mt. Vernon Chapel, Brown Funeral Home, with Rev. C. D. Hurd officiating. Burial was in Otter Lake.

Mr. Hutchinson was born in Otter Lake October 27, 1913 and resided in Flint for the past 40 years. He retired from Fisher Body in 1969 after 33 years. He was a member of Masonic Lodge F&AM and Bay City Consistory.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte; one son, Melvin of Flint; one daughter, Mrs. Steven (Susan) Podhorsky of Oakley; one grandson, William Andrew II; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Morrison of Grayling and Mrs. Mildred Wade of Gollaway, Ohio; three brothers, Clark of Vassar, Archie of Caro and Allen of Otter Lake; stepfather, Andrew Boyden of Otter Lake; nieces and nephews.

Pvt. Carl A. Decker Completes Course

Ft. Sill, Okla. — Private Carl A. Decker, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Decker, 111 Vilas St., Grayling, recently completed the eight-week Basic Field Artillery (Cannoneer) Course at the U. S. Army Field Artillery Training Center, Ft. Sill, Okla.

During the course, he learned the duties of a howitzer or gun section crewman. He also received instruction in handling ammunition, setting fuses and preparing charges, communications and maintenance.

Pvt. Decker entered the Army in July 1971 and was last stationed at Ft. Ord, Calif.

He attended Grayling High School and was employed by Michigan State Department before entering the Army.

Announce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chappel of 19559 Woodcrest, Harper Woods, announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ann, to Donald P. Zanni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Julian) Zanni of Huntington, Harper Woods.

Don and Judy are graduates of the class of '68 at Harper Woods High School. Don is a junior at Ferris State College.

Plans are being made for a wedding in September 1972.

Judy is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ruby Reetz of Grayling.

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GREETINGS

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BITS O' TALK

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bearas and son of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., arrived Friday of last week to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bearas in Maple Forest. They plan on leaving the Thursday following Christmas to return home.

Don't forget the Big Day! Year's end party at the Legion. Open to the general public. Get your tickets now.

Rick and Vickie Sadler and baby of Flint are expected to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scheer and family. Brad Scheer arrived home Friday from Central to spend the holidays and term break.

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Marge Johnson arrived home from Traverse City Friday, having completed her student teaching assignment there, to spend the term break. She will return to C.M.U. in January to complete her senior year.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cornwall will be Christmas day guests of her parents, the Burton McWilliams family.

Mac's Drug Store will be closed all day Christmas, December 25th.

Mrs. Hattie Worden spent from Friday till Tuesday of last week in Flint visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Worden and family.

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An Ordinance to provide for Division Regulations of Recorded Lots.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING ORDINANCES:

SECTION 1

LOT DIVISION: The division of a lot in a recorded plat is hereby prohibited unless approved following application to the township board. The Township Board may request review and comment by the Crawford County Planning Commission. The Township Board shall not approve any application unless previously approved by the County or District Health Department. No Building permit shall be issued, nor any building construction commenced, prior to the approval of the application by the Township Board. No lot in a recorded plat shall be divided into more than two (2) parts and the resulting lots shall be not less in area than permitted by the Township ordinance. The division of a lot resulting in a smaller area than prescribed herein may be permitted only for the purpose of adding to the existing building site or sites. All applications shall be in affidavit form and filed with the Township Clerk and shall state the reasons for the proposed division.

SECTION 2

That this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following publication hereof.

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

I, Clara Madson Jr., Grayling Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 10 was duly adopted by Grayling Township Board at its regular meeting held on December 14, 1971, by the following votes of the membership thereof:

Ayes: Fowler, Madson, Gardiner, Hallett.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mathewson.

I hereby certify that the Ordinance was published in the Crawford County Avalanche, Grayling, Michigan according to law.

Clara Madson Jr.
Grayling Township Clerk

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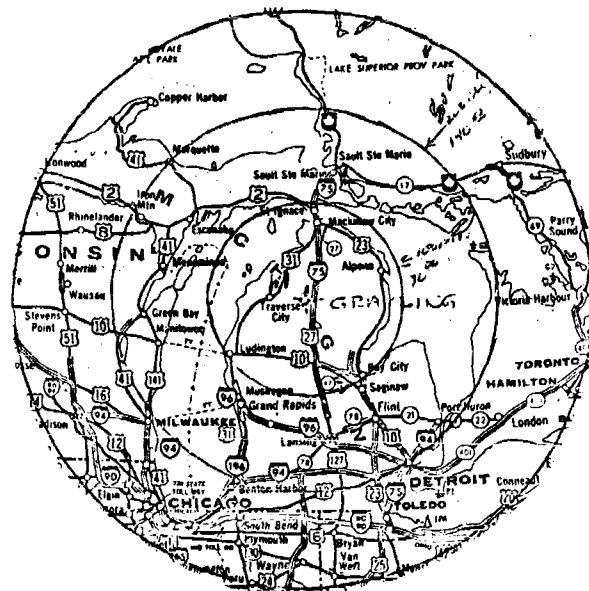
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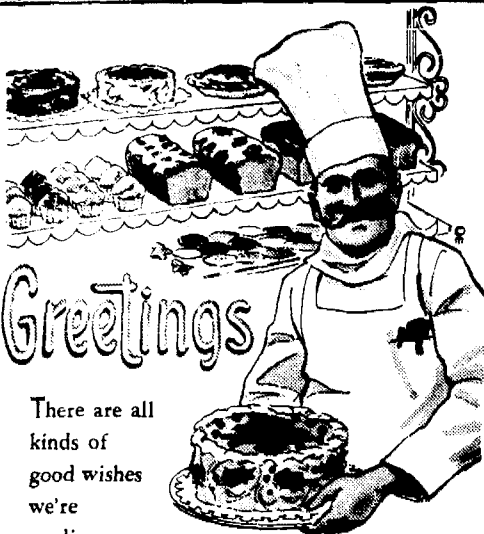
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12 Crawford County Avalanche
Thursday, December 23, 1971

Yule Lives In Legend And Lore

Twinkling on trees, glowing from windows, glittering everywhere, Christmas lights reflect, today, the candles of an earlier time.

A candle in the window can light the Christ Child on his way, says Irish legend.

Nativity scenes in homes and churches depict the animals of the Manger—and on Christmas Eve, the cattle, the sheep and all the animals present at the Nativity are given the gift of speech.

So says the lore of Christmas.

Blossoming on the holiday scene, greens and flowers spread their beauty and fragrance, reminding all of the living wonder of Christmas.

In legend, all flowers bloom at midnight on Christmas Eve, just as they did more than 2,000 years ago.

The legend and lore of Christmas expresses the simple faith that lies at the heart of this happy, holy time.

Some of the most delightful of legends are told in carols.

From France comes the "Carol of the Birds." Its words recount how the birds flew to Bethlehem to behold the Christ Child. Each bird, as it flew, sang a special song of praise and rejoicing.

There's a "Carol of the Flowers," too. Summoned to the presence of the newborn King, every flower blossomed, and each blossom was a symbol of the Little One's virtues.

Seafaring peoples, in their own way, related nature's wonders to the miracle of the Nativity, through carols.

"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing" tells of ships crossing the sea on Christmas morn, bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



Stockings for Christmas are almost as much a part of Christmas as the tree. The fashions in stockings have changed too. Now the idea is to make special stockings just for Christmas, and the fancier the better. And after they have been looted of their stuffings of candy, small trinkets and toys, they are still pretty to look at.

Felt is a bright and durable material for Christmas stockings, and also easy to work with. A Christmas stocking can be anywhere from 6 inches to 3 feet long.

Put your trimmings on before you sew the stocking together. Many forms of trim can be applied, ranging from tiny designs in contrasting colors of felt to sequins, ribbons, rick-rack gold thread and bows. They can be personalized with trim suitable for the individual.



Flowers by Josie

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Best wishes for
a Christmas
season filled
with merry
moments and
jolly spirits.
And, a big
bundle of cheer.

AU SABLE HOTEL

Bob and Laura Sellers, Owners



May every joy and blessing of this holy season come to you and your loved ones, bringing peace and happiness . . . making hearts and spirits bright. Merry Christmas!

YOUR CRAWFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS

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COUNTY CLERK

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JUDGE OF PROBATE

FRANCIS L. WALSH
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Decorating for Christmas



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Indoors, outdoors, all around the house—Christmas is the season for decorating, and what a wealth of decorations there are!

The tree seems to be just the beginning. Its ornaments and lights become continually more varied and delightful.

Wreaths and greens, plants and bouquets, table centerpieces and window adornments appear in the home.

Outdoors, decorations range from a string of lights and a wreath on the door to manger scenes to such creations as Santa, sleigh and reindeer up on the roof-top.

Some of the yard and roof embellishments are real works of art—no wonder communities give prizes for outdoor decorating and lighting.

A diversity of designs for decorating are ready-made, offering welcome help during the bustling holiday season.

Still, it's fun to use personal ingenuity and creativity in making unusual Yule decorations, suggest the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

One thought might appeal to bird-lovers: Place a wreath, ready- or hand-made, outside a window. "Decorate" it with foods tasty to birds, such as peanuts, popcorn, cranberries and bits of suet.

Simple, personal touches make a difference. For instance, greens, ribbons and glittering balls can be attractively arranged on a table or shelf.

Just putting some colorful ornaments and pine cones in a big glass bowl brightens things up.

Set the kids to stringing cranberries and popcorn in the good old-fashioned way.

It's surprising how pleasingly they blend with the modern marvels of tree ornaments.

Every area of the home deserves some holiday accents. How about fastening candy canes to a broad, bright ribbon and draping it around the kitchen bulletin board?

For the more ambitious, there's the kissing bunch, an old English tradition.

An easy way to make one is to buy a ball of plastic foam. Greens—red-berried holly for color, mistletoe for kissing—can be inserted in the foam ball. Then a gala red bow and length of ribbon to hang it by are all that's needed.

Too late for this season? Much of the joy of Christmas is planning for the next one.



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blessings
of Christmas
fill your
hearts with peace and happiness.

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Art Clough

"REAL ESTATE"

Trees Flourish In Festivities

Of all the customs of the Yuletide, none flourishes more merrily than the Christmas tree. It's a happy holiday tradition to set up a tree, string it with lights, deck it with ornaments and crown it with a star.

Legendary suggestions about the origin of the tree are plentiful. Just about every country has one to offer.

The pine trees of the Roman Saturnalia, the great tree of Yggdrasil in Norse mythology and the evergreens the Egyptians used to adorn their homes at the winter solstice are but a few of the possibilities.

In Scandinavian mythology, the three roots of Yggdrasil bound together the home of the gods, the land of mankind and the netherworld.

Though where the Yule tree began can't be pinpointed, it first showed up as an accomplished fact in the 16th century. Strasbourg manuscripts of that era describe decorated trees as a regular, established part of the Christmas season.

The custom of the tree was probably brought to the New World by Hessian soldiers fighting for the British in the Revolutionary War.

The chronology of the Christmas tree in America reveals these highlights, as compiled by the editors of Encyclopedia International.

1856 First Christmas tree in the White House introduced by President Franklin Pierce.

1909 People of Pasadena, Calif. erected a towering tree on Mount Wilson.

1912 Community trees decorated in Madison Square Park, New York City, and on the Common in Boston.

1913 "Children's Christmas Tree" placed in Independence Square, Philadelphia.

1920 Giant deodar cedars create a mile-long panorama of lighted trees, on "Christmas Tree Lane" in Altadena, Calif.

1923 First National Community Christmas Tree inaugurated by President Calvin Coolidge.

1926 National Christmas Tree designated by U.S. Department of Interior. It's a "Sequoia gigantea," or coniferous evergreen, in King's Canyon National Park, Calif.

1933 First Rockefeller Center Christmas tree erected—a 70-foot high Norway spruce with 1,200 colorful lights. Since then, huge Christmas trees—usually Norway spruce—have been a tradition in this New York business-entertainment complex. Tallest ever was a 90-footer, in 1948.

1947 Minneapolis celebrated with a tree made of water-pipes. 135 trees placed in the pipes served as limbs.

1950 A Seattle shopping center set a record for the highest tree, with a 212-footer.

Canadians celebrate with a National Christmas Tree on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.



CHRISTMAS Greetings

Good tidings to you
this holiday season...
hope it's filled with
happiness abounding.

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Wishing
You
All the
Joys of
Christmas

There's a jingle in
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HURRY UP, SANTA... It seems that Santa just won't come if a fellow waits and watches by the tree, eager for the first glimpse of a bicycle or a sled. And, as the hours drag on, the eyes tire and sleepy lids begin to drop. Sleep will come, and so will Santa. It just seems to happen that way.

What Children believe about Santa in other countries

In AUSTRIA, children put notes to "dear child Jesus in Heaven" on the window sill for St. Nicholas to take so that the Christ Child could bring the requested gifts on Christmas Eve.

In BELGIUM, children place shoes, baskets, or dishes under the tree for St. Nicholas to fill on Christmas Eve. They put water, hay, and carrots outside the door to attract his gray horse to their home. St. Nicholas wears a bishop's robe and a miter, and he carries a pastoral staff. On Christmas morning the children find chairs tipped over in their rooms and further disarray to show evidence that St. Nicholas has been there. Good children find their shoes filled with gifts. Bad ones find switches stuffed in theirs.

In FINLAND, Father Christmas brings children their gifts from England. In some sections he is known as Wainamoinen or Ukko. He is an old man with a long white mustache. He wears a white peaked cap with blue trim and a red coat.

In HUNGARY, the children believe that a male Kriss Kringle brings their gifts. He is dressed in white and rides a white horse.

The SOUTH AMERICAN children leave notes to "Little Jesus" during Posada. They leave them in front of the crib for the angels to take to heaven for answering.

In SWEDEN, Jul-nissen in his red robe, pointed cap, and long white beard, riding his goat, brings gifts to good Swedish children.

In the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, shoes are put in the window by the children on Christmas Eve. They expect the Three Kings to fill them.

In MEXICO, Santa is not as popular as the figure of Quetzalcoatl, the Aztec god of the sun. He is an old man with a long white beard and flowing white robes. Before Christmas children write letters to the Christ Child listing what they want. And on the eve of Epiphany, January 6th they place their shoes at the foot of their beds for the Three Magi to fill.

In SWITZERLAND, the tradition of St. Nicholas is observed. He arrives on December 6th and distributes fruit, candy, and toys. Sometimes there is a parade in his honor. A giant figure of St. Nicholas leads a group of children dressed in long white nightgowns and masks. The paraders blow long Swiss horns and bells ring.

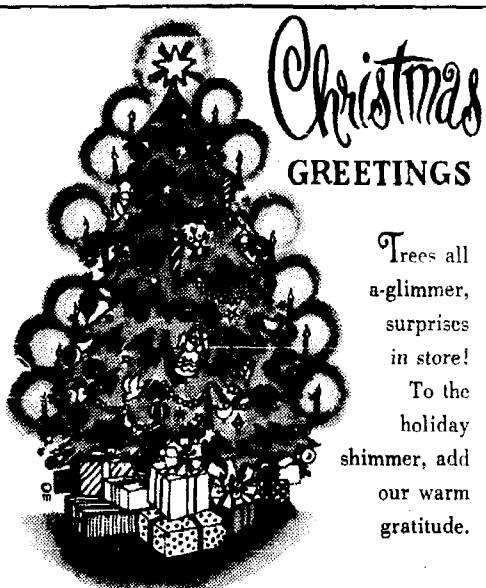
SPANISH children fill their shoes with straw for the camels of the Three Kings, on the eve of the Epiphany. It is thought that each year the Wise Men repeat their journey to Bethlehem and pass through Spain on the way. As they pass by, the camels eat the straw and the shoes are filled with gifts by Balthasar, who rides on a donkey.

In Poland, children write letters telling what they wish to receive and place them on the window for the Wise Men. Then on Christmas Eve, after supper, the children are examined on their knowledge of religion by the Star Man (the village priest). If they do well, they receive small gifts from the Wise Men. Gifts are believed to come from the stars, and the Wise Men act as emissaries.

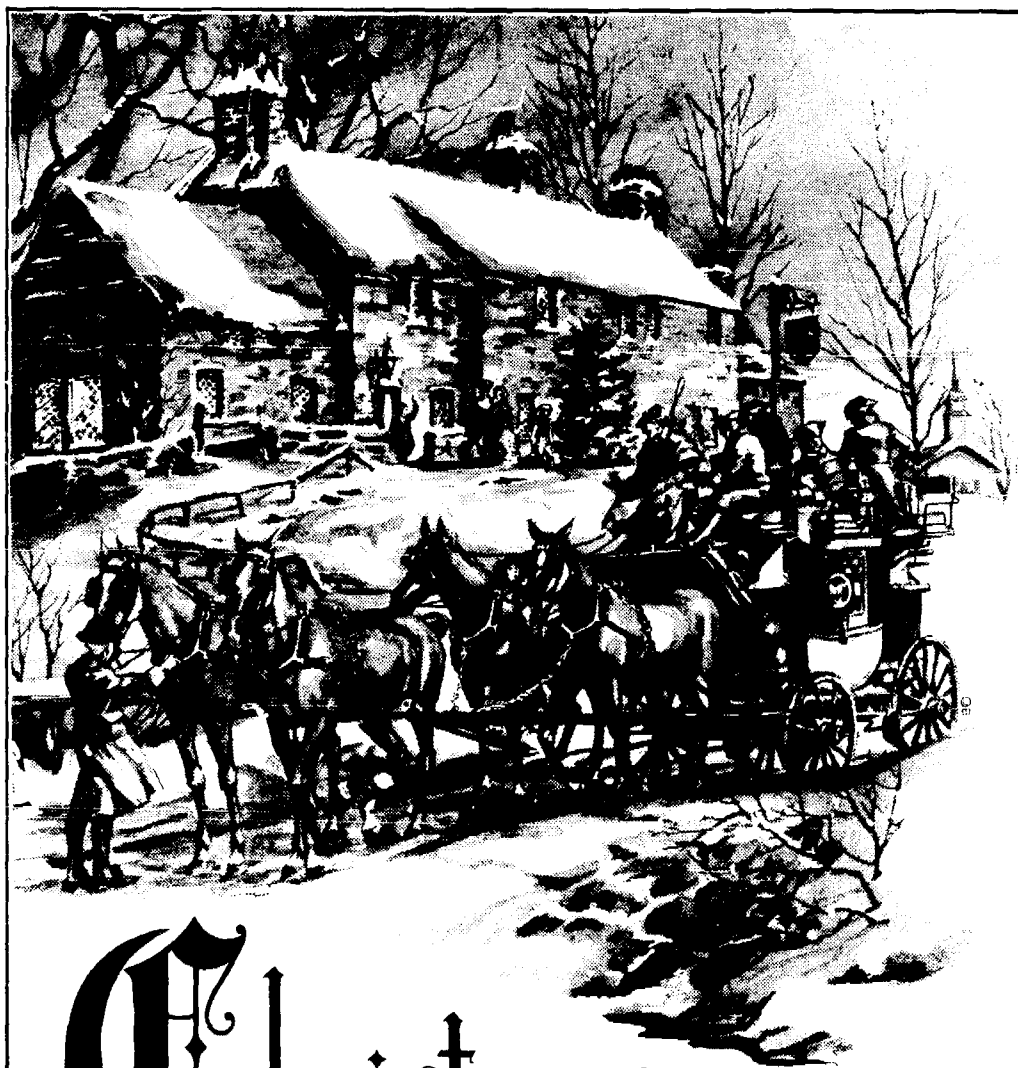


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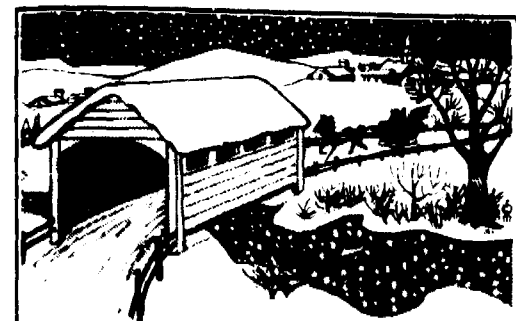
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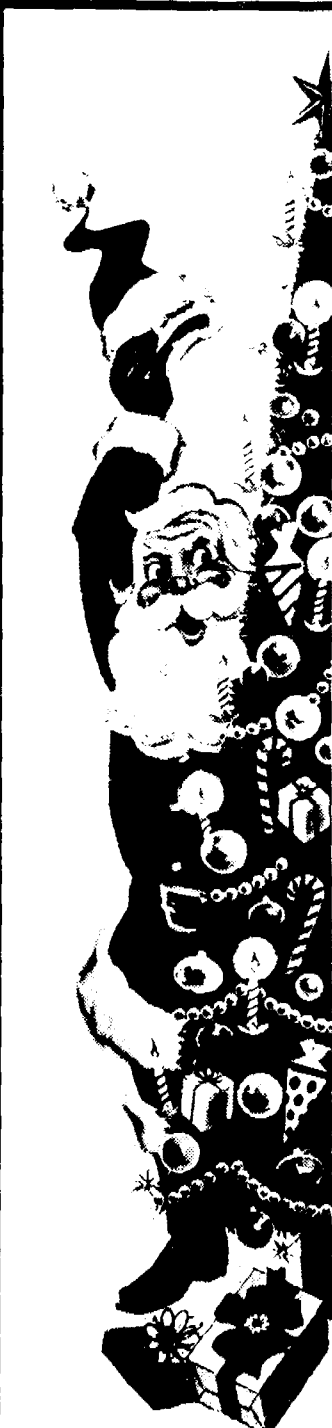
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... in wishing you and your family the merriest Christmas ever — rich in the blessings of prosperity and good cheer.

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Best wishes for a season filled with good health, good cheer for you and your family. We wish to extend our thanks to all our fine friends and neighbors for their loyalty and confidence.



THAT TIME . . . Christmas is that time of the year when one thinks of the right gift to give to some special person. With the preliminaries of careful selection and wrapping out of the way, the stage is set for a visit and the exchange of holiday greetings.

Toys Should Reflect Family Values

Visit your toy store or the toy department in stores by yourself. Look over what is available in advance and choose toys that fit your child's needs, interest and your pocketbook. Too often tots in stores tug at their parents, whining: "I want it. I want it. I saw it on TV."

After your solo visit, take your child with and tell him then that Santa has already picked his gifts, but also give him the choice of one additional toy . . . anything that he wants . . . provided it doesn't cost more than a couple of dollars.

Keep in mind that the success of any toy depends more on how you give it than on what you give, and that the usefulness of your gift is determined by how well you have prepared your child beforehand.

Many toys that suggest activity can misdirect your child. Stay away from toys that perform for your child, that make him follow patterns, outlines or numbers, or hobby kits that lead to gluing bits and pieces together. The most important thing to keep in mind is to look for those that can keep your child active, to make things that he himself invents and creates, to build, to act out and to pretend in ways that engage all his faculties, including his imagination.

Wanda and Dan Zielinski

WAG-ON-INN

Well-Loved Carols Ring Out Everywhere

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come!"

"It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old."

"Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright."

"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant."

Throughout Christendom, the words of these well-loved carols are familiar even to little children, and they'll be heard this Christmas wherever carolers get together.

"Joy to the World" was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), English hymnist.

Watts, who is known as the creator of the modern hymn, wrote nearly 600 hymns. Many of these still appear in Protestant hymnals, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" is the work of Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian minister in Massachusetts, more than a century ago.

Perhaps the most famous of Christmas carols, "Silent Night" was first sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, to guitar music.

Mice in the bellows had silenced the organ of a tiny Austrian church. Father Joseph Mohr met the challenge by writing "Silent Night." His organist composed a melody for guitar.

Father Mohr's inspiration—aside from the mice—was the vast, still beauty of the snowy mountains around the village.

"Oh come, all ye faithful" is translated from the Latin, "Adeste Fidelis," and its exact beginnings are shrouded in the mists of time.

Historians say it may have been written by Saint Bonaventure, in the 13th century.

Remember Unsung Heroes When Christmas Comes

Regarding gifts to mailmen, paper boys, dry-cleaning men and other faithful service people who come to your house:

There are plenty of answers to this—each person does what he sees fit, from nothing at all to fairly lavish gifts. It is nice to remember faithful service people at Christmas but let it be of your own volition. There are always reports of "shake-down" gifts so don't let yourself be victimized.

Anyone appreciates a little extra cash, in crisp new bills in a card so it takes on the gift, rather than grudging tip category. A couple of dollars to five dollars, depending on the number of people involved and your budget give you some leeway.

If there are those whom you think money would be inappropriate gift, think in terms of Christmas cookies or candy, something the family would enjoy.

SEW WHAT?

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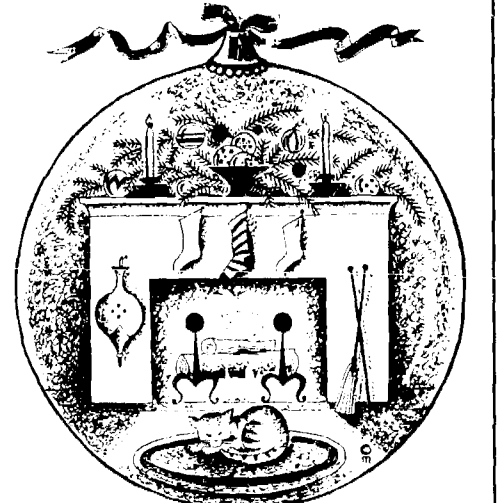
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MILLER'S HARDWARE



We hope that Santa is bringing good things your way. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

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Christmas Greetings

When the crisp fragrance of evergreens scents the air...when the lights of the holiday home say, "Welcome"...that's Christmas! Hoping it's merry and bright, full of delight, for our appreciated patrons, we send greetings and gratitude.

The Avalanche

and Staff

The Christmas letter

By Jim Fitzgerald

Dear friend, relative, neighbor, old schoolmate or anyone we met on vacation last summer:

Once again it is Christmas time. Time to report to all you people we love so much. A lot sure happened to our family in 1971.

Son Richard got his first job. He's 4th assistant manager at Kroger's on the corner, in charge of bagging. We're so proud of him. In March he celebrated his 32nd birthday.

Daughter Marcia gave us our 11th grandson last January. For keeps. She reports that there are wedding bells in her future. I think this means she's engaged but Dad says it means she's got something going with the church janitor in the belfry.

Remember Aunt Stella who drives the school bus? She won't be here for Christmas dinner. The school sent her to Fort Knox for 9 weeks of combat training.

Our youngest son, Ralph, is still going to Michigan State University. He visited us a couple of weeks ago, we think. It's hard to tell for sure with that beard and hair. Ralph says he doesn't want a job when he graduates, he just wants to go to San Francisco and love his fellowman. Dad told him to take Richard and Marcia with him.

Our cousin Henry, that's Stella's oldest, has steady work on TV. He sweeps up the hall after the aspirin lectures.

My brother Sam's boy Tom is still in Vietnam. He's been there

8 years and swears he won't come home until he meets Bob Hope. Dad says he should hold out for Ann-Margaret.

Now that he's 65 and retired from GM, Dad is getting more interested in politics. He's thinking of running for police commissioner. He says if he could hold onto that job until he's 90, he'd then be old enough to become director of the FBI.

Daughter Connie had her first date last summer and it was the cutest thing. When the boy asked to kiss her goodnight, Connie told him to wait a minute and then she ran in the house and wrote a letter to Ann Landers. They are still waiting for an answer, while looking at each other through the window. Connie celebrated her 38th

birthday in June.

My sister Annette was elected president of an anti-pollution club. To help keep the earth clean, she made a great buy from The Man from Glad and she is now following the rodeo from town to town.

Cousin Harriet is happy again this year. You remember she was married to the Chevrolet dealer but he divorced her? Well, now he has recalled her. Dad says Harriet will probably be out of the bump shop by New Year's. That's all I have room to write this year. Marcia said if I kept my Christmas letter to 1 page she would make 500 copies on the church Xerox Machine. She knows the janitor, Dad says.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
— Mary and the family 1

CONSUMERS' CORNER

New Year's Day brings a regulation to aid car buyers.

The Transportation Department has amended the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations on Consumer Information to make it easier for consumers to obtain safety information about new cars. Beginning January 1, persons shopping for a new car will be able to obtain and take home the consumer information about new cars that usually has been available only in dealer showrooms.

For almost two years auto manufacturers have been required by regulation to have safety information available in showrooms to explain a new car's stopping distance, acceleration and passing ability, and tire reserve loads. This same information has been available to the purchaser of new cars.

The Transportation Department says the purpose of the new regulation is to enable shoppers to get the information free of charge and to keep it for use in comparing cars on a safety basis. If you don't want to go to a showroom, you may get the information on each make and model by mail, by requesting it from the dealers or manufacturers.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Christmas
Christmas comes but once a year and now that time is here. We call it the season of peace and joy. Many of us try in our own way to find this meaning and to make it a part of our observance.

The search is most successful in the final hours of preparation and with the dawning of the holiday. We give to others. We show love and affection for family and for friends. We are less concerned with self.

We are most successful if Christmas includes a visit to God's House. Here, in the presence of friends and neighbors, we join together as one, a unity of voices and hearts keyed to the message of love and hope that is the eternal story of Christmas.

TURN ON'S



Classics Provide Yuletide Melodies

In this century, hymns and carols of the Nativity have been composed by Peter Warlock ("Bethlehem Down") and Gustav Holst ("Mid-Winter")—among others.

Often, hymns and carols have been set to the music of classic composers.

One example is, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," by Nahum Tate. Music for this came from Handel's opera, "Siroe," as adapted by Richard Storrs Willis.

Huge Tree Is Symbol of Man

A French story of the 13th century relates how a huge tree was discovered in a forest, its branches lit with candles.

Some branches were straight up, while others were turned down. Atop the tree was a child, with a halo around his head.

The story explains that the tree is mankind. Its candles represent people good or bad, and the child is the Christ Child.

Greetings

Happy families, happy season—
it's Christmas! Thanks for all your good will.

Davis Jewelry

Greetings

I came upon a midnight clear . . . as angels' voices heralded the birth of our dear Saviour. Let us rejoice.

Christmas greetings

In the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas we extend best wishes to all. We hope you and your loved ones share in the many old-time joys and blessings of the season.

Grayling Mercantile Company

Richard Milliman

Almanack

Consistency -- A Will Of The Wisp

"Consistency," said the philosopher, "is the hobgoblin of little minds."

With this analysis as the base, you can never accuse politicians of thinking small.

Lack of consistency seems to be a characteristic of politics—and sometimes, let me hasten to add (before someone else calls it embarrassingly to my attention), of column writing, too.

A case in point.
A Texas professor by the name of Lyndon B. Johnson (he's a former President of the United States, you may recall) was recently asked about the upcoming 1972 presidential campaign. Mr. Johnson, of course, is a Democrat of long standing. "I would never desert my party," replied Mr. Johnson.

He allowed as how "there are no circumstances" under which he would withhold his support from the Democratic ticket . . . notwithstanding the fact that his party's standard-bearers will not be selected for eight months or more yet.

In other words, under this line of reasoning by strong party man Johnson, it really doesn't make any difference whom the Democrats nominate for President—be he hawk or dove, liberal or conservative, in favor of or opposed to economic controls, backer or opponent of foreign aid, racist or libertarian, or anything else.

As long as he wears the Democratic colors, that's Johnson's man.

Such blind party loyalty is not unique to former Presidents, nor to Democrats either, for that matter.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, a former first lady, was fond of saying that Democrats were better than Republicans, no matter what the basic qualifications of the individuals, or the requirements of the position involved.

Gus Scholle, former president of the AFL-CIO in Michigan, also pursued a similar philosophy.

But there is also the former Republican congressman, who—off the record—couldn't stand the late Sen. Joe McCarthy, but publicly supported him. His reasoning: "He may be an s.o.b., but he's OUR s.o.b."

Such an approach is not unusual in partisan affairs: but in my view, it's certainly open to serious question.

We were speaking of consistency, however. On the same day that the interview with Mr. Johnson appeared in print, there was another story in the same paper.

It seems that James M. McNeely, Democratic party chairman for Michigan, became quite upset at a new law affecting the small loan business in Michigan.

McNeely, as could be expected, roundly criticized Republican Gov. Milliken for signing the bill, calling the new law "an unconscionable act of

contempt for the consumer."

And McNeely went even further. Perhaps recognizing that members of his party are in the majority in one house of the legislature, and hold an even number of votes in the other house, McNeely also roundly criticized Democrats who voted for the small loan bill.

The Democratic party, said Mr. McNeely, "will not tolerate more forgery" those Democratic legislators who voted for the small loan bill. It was sponsored and guided through the Legislature, incidentally, by a Democratic member.

Will the Democrats' action bring a purge effort from McNeely's headquarters? It's not likely. McNeely promised only that the votes of the legislators would be brought to "the direct attention of their constituents."

Will the Michigan Democratic party "tolerate" the 27 legislators who supported the small loan bill? If they're re-elected, of course they will. Will the 27 be "forgiven?" Naturally. After all, what can McNeely really do about it? Not much.

But McNeely's attack on any fellow-Democrat is in direct contrast with Mr. Johnson's blanket endorsement of any Democrat who can win his party's nomination.

Consistency in politics? Only when it serves your purpose.

GOAT GIVES

One of Santa's most unusual stand-ins is the "Jule-Bock," a goat, once the Danish gift-giver.

Be A Santa For

That Merry Christmas

It is not enough to give money or to send toys and clothes to organizations. Though it is kind and generous, they need your time as much or sometimes more.

There are many children and youths in hospitals, orphanages, juvenile detention centers and institutions that care for the retarded, handicapped and crippled.

You can give such children hope and pleasure by showing your personal interest in them, by making yourself available to them on their terms, and by opening doors through which they can get glimpses of an outside world that is less depressing than the one in which they live. By visiting and spending time with such a child you can spread the spirit of Christmas beyond the shadow of your family's tree. It need not confine itself to the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas, it's something you can do the year around.

BEES GET BUSY

On Christmas Eve, bees hum holiday carols and melodies, says legend.

CAREFUL WITH COMMA!

That old carol really isn't "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," but "God Rest (Keep) You Merry, Gentlemen."

Greetings

I came upon a midnight clear . . . as angels' voices heralded the birth of our dear Saviour. Let us rejoice.

Christmas Seals Thank You...

...for giving more this year, so we can do more to fight emphysema...TB... air pollution

It's a matter of life and breath!

Your TB-RD Association

LENG'S GARAGE FREDERIC

Christmas GREETINGS

At this crisp and exciting time of year, we are hopeful that your holiday will be filled with joyous warmth, richly shared with those you hold dear. And to you, our customers, we express our thanks and appreciation for your continued patronage. Merry Christmas!

STANDARD Service

Holiday Greetings Christmas Bonus Sale 49¢ Sale

PRICES GOOD TILL CHRISTMAS

GOLDCREST — 1/2 GALLON With This Coupon
ICE CREAM 49¢
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BONUS

LADY KAY — FAMILY SIZE
POTATO CHIPS 49¢

SENECA — 2 LB. 14 OZ.
APPLE SAUCE jar 49¢

LARGE
WALNUTS lb. 49¢

SIGNOT — 1-LB. CANS
PEACHES 2 for 49¢

SEMI-SWEET
CHOCOLATE CHIP lb. 49¢

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BONUS
MICHIGAN With This Coupon
SUGAR 5 lbs. 49¢

SWANSDOWN
CAKE MIX 2 for 49¢

CRANBERRY — 1 LB. CAN
SAUCE 2 for 49¢

Charley Brown Says Merry Christmas
BUY BUTTERNUT 1 lb. 4oz. Loaves
BREAD 2 lbs. 49¢

LYKES — 12 OZ.
PORK with Gravy 49¢

BEEF with Gravy 49¢

HASH BROWN
POTATOES 2 lbs. 49¢

BLUE SEAL
OLEO 3 lbs. 49¢

GOLDEN RIPE — 5 LBS.
BANANAS 49¢

SEEDLESS
GRAPEFRUIT 5 for 49¢

MICHIGAN
POTATOES 10 lbs. 49¢

THIN SKIN
TANGELOS doz. 49¢

CHRISTMAS SALAD BOWL

HEAD LETTUCE
CRISP CUKES 1 each
FRESH RADISHES
49¢

APRIL HILL — 1 lb. Loaves 3 LOAVES
WHITE BREAD 49¢

BANQUET
POT PIES 3 for 49¢

CHUNK
BOLOGNA lb. 49¢

FRESH
POTATO SALAD lb. 49¢

VAC-PAC
SLICED BACON lb. 49¢

FRESH, LEAN, HOMEMADE
XMAS SAUSAGE lb. 49¢

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Bill, Fred, Evie, Jim, Dave, Bill, Dian, Glenna,
June, Jack, Arlie

Closed Christmas & Sunday

★ COLD POP & BEER TO GO ★

— PRICES GOOD THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY —

FALL STORE HOURS

9:00 - 6:30 Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat.

9:00 - 8:00 Friday - 9:00-5:00 Sunday

Black & White Market

WE LIMIT QUANTITIES

Miss Grayling

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ants with a deadline of February 1st, 1972, so we may begin pageant rehearsals soon thereafter. No more than 10 contestants will be accepted. Any local organization or merchant or place of business may sponsor a contestant, or contestants may volunteer or be suggested by any local person.

Official Rules and Regulations

1972 Miss Grayling Pageant

(1) Entrant must be a resident of Crawford County for the past six (6) months.

(2) Entrant must be single and never have been married, divorced, or had marriage annulled.

(3) Entrant must be a high school graduate by September 1, 1972, and must be not less than 18 nor more than 28 years of age on said date.

(4) The contestant must be of good character and possessed of poise, personality, intelligence, charm and beauty.

(5) Entrant agrees to abide by all the rules of the local, state, and national Miss America Pageants, now in effect or as announced hereafter.

(6) The contestant must possess and display talent in a routine not to exceed three (3) minutes. This talent may be dramatics, art, musical, or any other clever act in keeping with the Miss America standards. Contestants will also appear in swimsuit and evening gown competition.

(7) You must provide to the Pageant Committee, two (2) 5 x 7 (or other acceptable size) professional glossy portrait type photos of head and shoulders, in formal attire with no crown or banner in picture, no snapshot allowed.

(8) Entrant agrees that the time, manner, and method of judging shall be solely within the discretion of the Pageant Committee, and that the decision of the judges will be final. The Pageant Committee agrees that judging will be done according to the same system of judging used in the national finals of the Miss America Pageant at Atlantic City, according to instructions, ballots, and tally sheets furnished by the Pageant and/or the Miss America Pageant.

(9) The Pageant Committee agrees to promote, produce, and finance a fair and unbiased public contest.

(10) The Pageant Committee shall provide an educational scholarship to Miss Grayling 1972 and her court; will sponsor and make all arrangements for Miss Grayling's appearance and competition in the Miss Michigan Pageant to take place the week of June 12th, 1972; will sponsor and make all arrangements for Miss Grayling's appearance and competition in the National Cherry Queen Pageant to take place the week of June 18th, 1972.



KIDDIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY — Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus put in a full afternoon last Saturday as they passed out goodies to area children at the American Legion Post 106 sponsored party. Mary Liz McNamara of Grayling and Mary Ann Kaiser of Frederic provided music at the piano during the party. Members of the Legion and Auxiliary members were assisted by daughters of Legion members in making the annual event another huge success. 1050 Christmas stockings were passed out at the party, and to patients at Mercy Hospital.

BITS O' TALK

Mark Nelson arrived home from Central this past weekend to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Kitchen and visit other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie B. Robertson are home from the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, Minn. for the holidays. Eddie and Sylvia will spend Christmas at Richmond with Sylvia's family, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Rutledge.

Mac's Drug Store will be closed all day Christmas, December 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robertson were in Midland for four days taking care of Jenny Robertson while her mother was in the hospital. Mrs. Caldwell filled in at school for Mrs. Robertson. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson plan on spending Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kraus of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson of South Haven will also be there.

Christmas weekend guests expected at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pond will be Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pond, and children Mike and Michelle of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mika and children Sean and Angel of Bay City.

Order your Holiday baked goods now. Goodale's Bakery, 348-5582.

Dane Madsen spent last week in Adrian visiting a former roommate, Jack Sharr, who is now a teacher in the Adrian schools.

Bill Kraus Jr., is home from Michigan State to spend term break and the Christmas holidays with his parents, the Bill Kraus Sr. Richard is expected home from the U of M in Ann Arbor Wednesday for his term break.

Candy Henig arrived home from Central this past weekend to spend the holidays and term break with her parents Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig. Gretchen is expected home from Val Paraiso, Ind. around the 23rd to spend Christmas, and the holidays.

Don't forget the Big M. 50 Year Party at the M. 50 Open to the public. Get your tickets now.

Wave Berry, son of the Stanley Berrys of Deerfield, former Grayling residents, is now out of the Navy and is living in Flushing, N. Y. where he works for Blue Cross - Blue Shield. He is expected home for Christmas, according to information received from Mrs. Berry.

BOWLING LEAGUES

American - 2nd Div.

1. C. F. Fick Dist. 30
2. Union 76 36
3. Grayling Dist. 35 1/2
4. Millikin Const. 33
5. Gray-Lee Judo 29
6. Johns Super 100 28
7. Parker Surveying 20
8. Moose Legion 19 1/2

High series: Denny Freeman, 598; Homer King, 555; J. Linendoll, 553.

High game: Denny Freeman, 215 and 206; Duane Hall, 204.

National - 2nd Division

1. Rays Canoes 37
2. Gen. Tel. Co. 31 1/2
3. Caid's Grocery 30
4. R & H Sport 29
5. AuSable Manistee 27
6. Legion Lanes 26 1/2
7. Gilberts Penguin Inn 26
8. Sams Auto Parts 19

High series: Fred Shaibly, 568; Dave MacLean, 554; Jim Kinsman, 545.

High game: Dave MacLean, 237; Fred Shaibly, 213; Jim Kinsman and Lacey Stephan, 202.

Recreation League

1. Olsons 38
2. Bay City Times 37
3. Bills Laundry 37
4. Culligan Soft Water 31
5. Recreational 29 1/2
6. Pioneer Room 28 1/2
7. Grayling State Bank 28 1/2
8. AuSable Hotel 28 1/2
9. Dingmans Tavern 28
10. Ski Whiz Snowmobiles 27
11. Lovells Bar 25
12. R & H Sport 24
13. Glens Market 23
14. Rochettes 21 1/2
15. Legion Lounge 21
16. Wag-On-Inn 20 1/2

High series: Betty LaChapelle, 499; Ellen Helsel, 485; Loretta Dandy, 484.

High game: Betty LaChapelle, 201; Jerrine Hoffman, 192; Shirley Byce, 187.

The officers of the Recreation League would like to wish the bowlers and their families a very Merry Christmas.

Northland League

1. Top O' Michigan 39
2. Bear Archery Co. 38 1/2
3. Bill Hart Ford 32
4. Millikin's Const. 27
5. Bob's Car Wash 26
6. Frank's Gray Bay 23 1/2
7. Ben Franklin 21
8. Rosie's Gals 17

High series: Lois Bendig, 492; Mary Neal, 485; Gladys O'Connor and Ann Latusek, 449.

High games: Mary Neal and Judy Campbell, 185; Muriel Latusek, 184; Ann Latusek, 175.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

1. Big Wheel 37
2. Grayling Vending 33
3. Colonial Interior 33
4. Luzerne Annex 30
5. Moose Lodge 30
6. Beaver Bend Lodge 26
7. Frederic Gen. Store 25
8. Deckers Fix It 24

High series, men: Dan Canfield, 584; Duke LaMotte, 523; Bill Reichelderfer, 515.

High game, men: Jerry Pratt, 240; Duke LaMotte, 202; Dan Canfield, 201.

High series, women: Loretta Tobin, 526; Virginia Belcher, 469; Gladys O'Connor, 456.

High game, women: Loretta Tobin, 189; Ginger Jones, 170; Loretta Tobin, 160.

Basketball

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John Tobin led the way against the Little Blazers with 16 points, with Jim Bobenmoyer chipping in with 12, followed by Jim Benodet, 9, Don McClain, 8, Hall, 2, and Randy Sajdak and Jon Thompson 1 each.

In the Mancy game, McClain tossed in 17 points, and Tobin 16, to hit the double figures. They were followed in the scoring by, Bobenmoyer with 7, Mark Hanson and Sajdak with 6 each, Hall, 5, Randy Lavarack and Benedick, 4 each, and Dee Meed 2 points.

GREETINGS

To all my Grayling friends, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Elise Anderson

18 Crawford County Avalanche Thursday, December 28, 1971

After Christmas Sale

On all Christmas decorations, cards, wrapping paper and gift items.

20% to 40% off

Monday, Dec. 27 thru Friday, Dec. 31
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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and BOB'S CAR WASH**

RING IN THE NEW YEAR

AT The PIONEER ROOM

WITH FUN & LAUGHTER

DANCE IN THE NEW YEAR
TO THE MUSIC OF

"THE SUNSHINE"

"DANCE MUSIC FROM 10:00 P.M. to 3:30 A.M."

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Enjoy Dinner in the Pioneer Room
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Merry Christmas

Everyone's singing out in merriment
and joy, announcing to the world that it's
Christmas! And it's our time to
thank you, customers, for your patronage.

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